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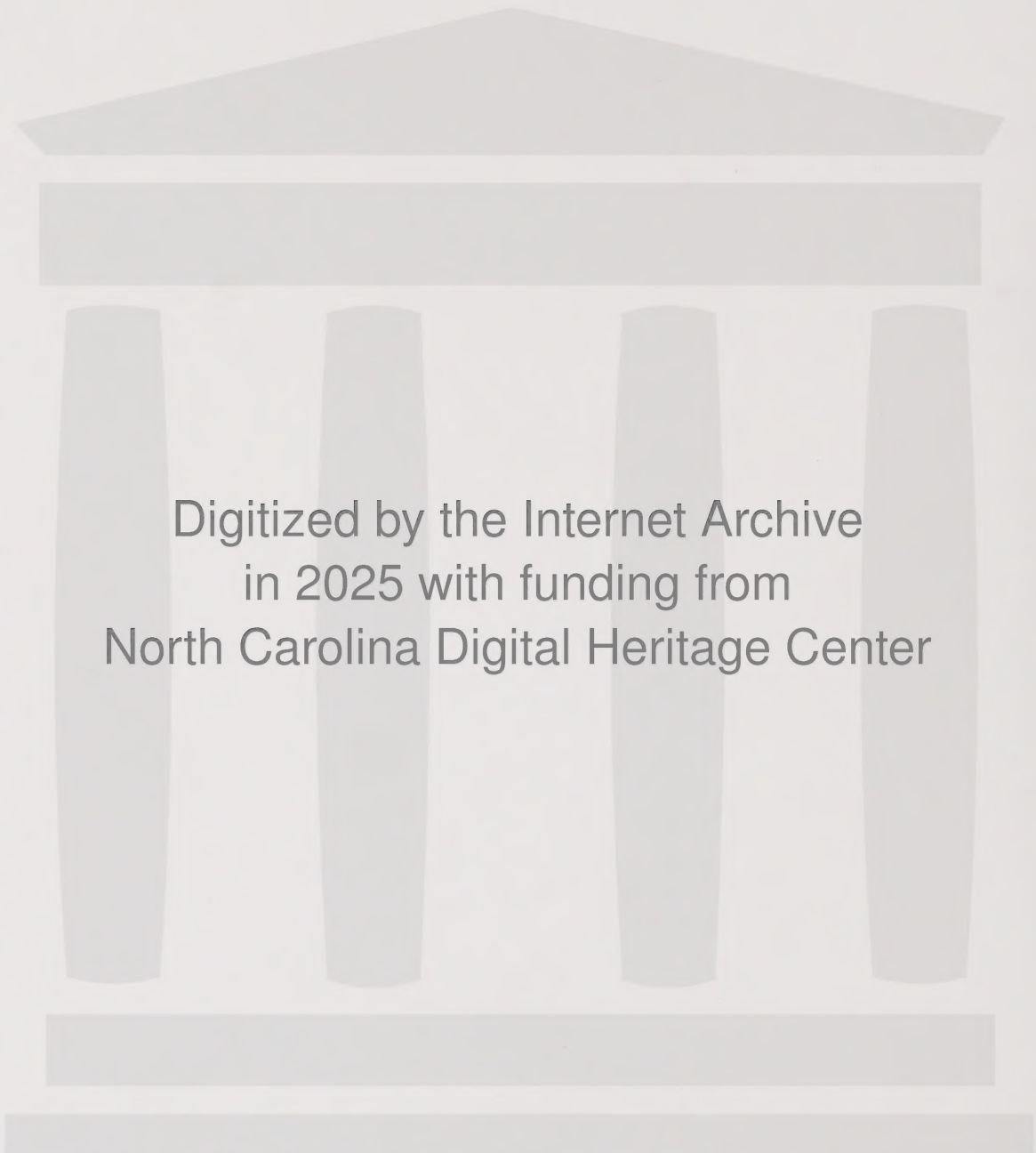
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A Note From the Editors!!!

Joanna Holden

Adalyn Cawthon

What a year it's been! After many, many early Wednesday mornings, spread assignments, Walsworth user instruction, Google forms, mass email blasts for photos, caption and story writing, late nights of proofing, Sunday workdays, and even a cover designed and illustrated by amateur visual artists (aka your yearbook editors themselves), along with the very skilled and talented Lila Bell, the yearbook is COMPLETE! It all began with the Dr. Seuss book *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, and as seniors heading into our last year of high school, we felt that this book couldn't represent our experience at UNCSA and our hopes and dreams for the future any better! With our initial inspiration, we decided to dive headfirst into all things Dr. Seuss. Each grade has a book as their class theme, and each spread either has a correlating book title or Dr. Seuss quote. We wanted the yearbook to be fun, full of bright colors, and relatable to all of our students. Shout out to Dr. Seuss for the endless array of books and quotes to choose from! And thank you to everyone in yearbook, we couldn't have made this happen without y'all's hard work! And of course, absolutely NONE of this would be possible without Mr. Bo. Thank you! We hope you enjoy the yearbook 2024-2025, *Oh, the Places We've Been!*

Much love,
your yearbook editors

Mya Kerestes danced with Stewart Owen Dance Company in Asheville, NC, and was a Dance Administration Intern for their company.

Lila Bell and Austin Byrd bonding at the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater Summer Intensive dinner cruise before the school year.

Summer Things!

Zion Mack enjoyed her summer by spending time traveling to Greece.

Kathryn Whalen spent her summer performing in Les Miserables.

Tessa Ledbetter loved her time dancing with Hubbard Street in Chicago at their Summer Intensive.

Ivan Potts visited and spent time during his summer at the International Tuba/ Euphonium Conference.

What have our pickles been up to this summer?

At the beginning of his summer, John Madison performed in an Irish dance/ traditional Irish music show in Winston Salem called "The Eve of Bealtaine" produced by a local Irish dance academy.

Mallory Stratton dancing with UNCSA almuna at the Julliard Summer Intensive where she spent three weeks of her summer.

Allie Roos spent part of her summer in Chicago touring colleges with her aunt and uncle!

Joanna Holden and Caroline Petronzio go out to dinner in Summerlin, Nevada after a long day of dancing with the TAPS Summer Program.

Welcome back, Pickles!!! We hope that everyone had a fantastic summer break, and by the looks of it, many people did! Summer is a much-needed break for the students at UNCSA. They work so hard all year balancing their busy schedules—arts, academics, and everything in between.

Over the summer, many students continued to pursue their art at summer intensives, workshops, and internships, learning from new perspectives and refining their skills. Many also attended academic programs to further their future careers and professional development. Some UNCSA students even traveled around the world for these programs. We are so proud of all of our Pickles and their motivation to continue improving themselves over the summer!

Other students had the opportunity to work summer jobs, volunteer, and participate in internships. UNCSA students traveled across the United States and around the world on numerous vacations and trips—some even traveled together. Our Pickles also spent time visiting their homes and enjoying their hometowns.

UNCSA students made the most of their summer, spending quality time with family and friends, enjoying the warm weather, and taking advantage of the well-earned break. We are so happy to have everyone back on campus and look forward to an exciting year ahead!

FDOC! After a successful first morning, students and faculty gathered in the backyard for an afternoon full of fun games and gelato.

After move-in, the new student mixer was a success! New friends were made and ice cream makes everything better!

Saya, Mika, Brynn, and Kelsey were ready to welcome in all of the new pickles on move-in day, handing out lanyards to help everyone start getting to know each other!

While this is Gray's first time living on campus, he has his seasoned roommate Trent to help him move in!

The new freshman dancers became quick friends during academic orientation.

For seniors, the first day of school is always bitter-sweet, but these pickles couldn't wait to get the year started!

While taking a break from prepping the halls, this group of Peer Leaders packed over 500 boxes of food at the Second Harvest Food Bank!

These new pickles were ready for the challenges to come on the FDOC, with the start of a new year at a new school!

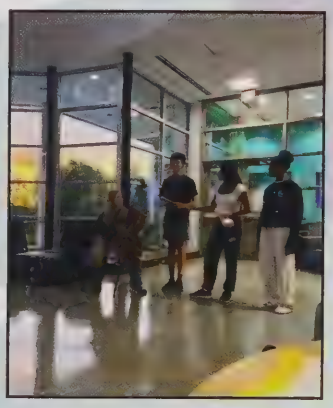
Put Me In The Zoo!

Orientation

Even with a broken umbrella in a hurricane, Tofarati never stopped having fun during new student move-in!

The gelato truck was definitely one of the highlights of the weekend; a great way to meet new friends and cool off in the hot summer heat.

The first "un-talent" show was quite the success as Peer Leaders showcased some newly learned skills while getting ready to welcome the new students!



CCMT gracefully packed boxes at the Second Harvest Food Bank.

PL's looked to the class of '28 to hear how move in went. "I was so nervous but everyone was so nice!" said 9th grader Molly Anderson.

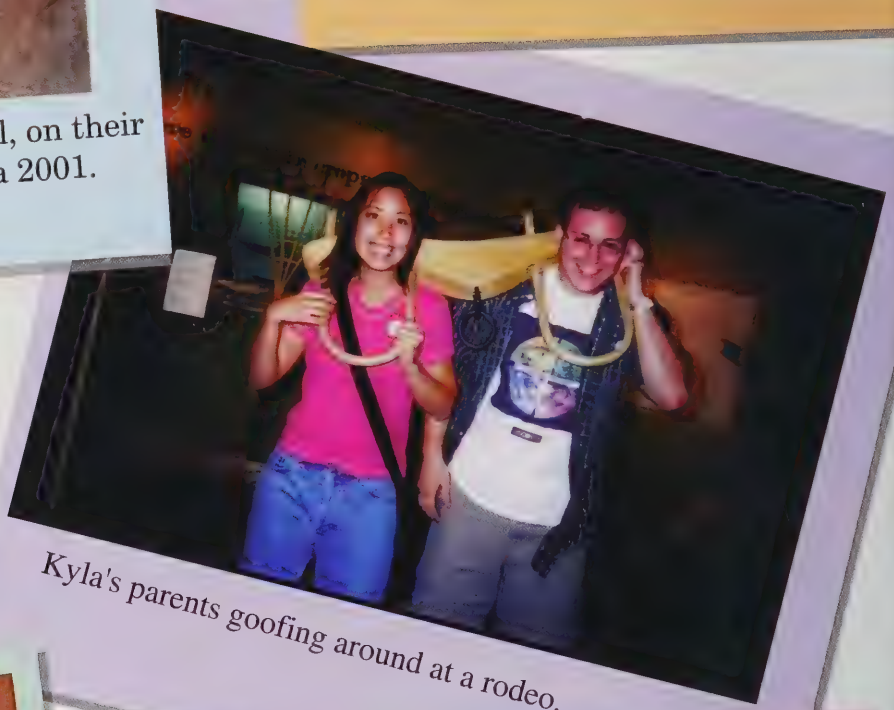
While orientation is a short time at the beginning of the school year, it's always a welcoming fanfare for new and returning students alike! Launch Students, Peer Leaders, SGA Representatives, and CCs collaborated to welcome all the new students, setting a fresh start for the year. That being said, this was also, objectively, a chaotic time of year—arts and academic schedules seemed to change abruptly on a daily basis, and there was always some sort of event happening. Residential students were busy (re)acclimating to campus life, while commuter students faced the never-ending struggle of figuring out when their day ended so they could go home.

Despite the chaos, we were all going through it together. Perhaps these pictures will bring you back to the more peaceful and jubilant moments of orientation and remind you where we all started.

Pickle Parents

Lila Bell's parents, Tacy and Tim Bell, on their way to watch *Les Miserables*, circa 2001.

Madeleine Smith and her parents posi for a photo before prom!



Kyla's parents goofing around at a rodeo.

Can you tell whose senior picture this is? It's Margaux Beller's dad!

Alyssa Bole's parents sporting a feathery hat and a fierce pocket square at the Kentucky Derby.

Kathryn celebrates her sweet 16 with her parents.

Della Benavides' parents enjoying nature at Reynolda Village.

Baby Daria Prokhnitski and her parents pose for a family picture.

As Pickles navigate living away from home, we are constantly reminded of the incredible parents who have supported us every step of the way. For many of them, letting their baby venture out into the world is a huge leap of faith. It takes trust, patience, and endless love. To our parents: thank you for believing in us, encouraging our dreams, and cheering us on from afar. Your support makes all the difference as we grow and thrive in this chapter. So, here are some past and present memories of our Pickle Parents!

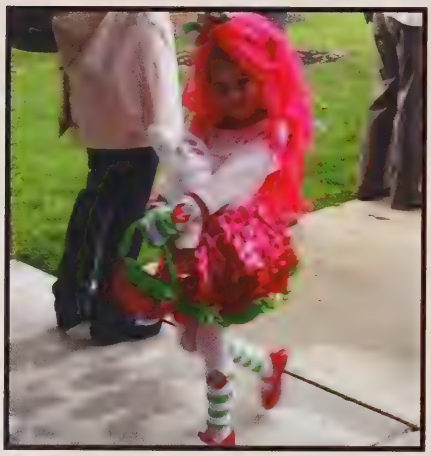
panna Holden, our fearless president, and her beautiful parents share a moment together before prom.

"They say I'm old-fashioned and live in the past, but sometimes I think progress progresses too fast!"

"If you'd never been born, then you might be an Isn't! An Isn't has no fun at all. No, he didn't!"

Baby Photos

As artists, it is important to recognize that we all started somewhere—long before we knew about Performance Hour, juries, critiques, monologues, tech week, or the stress of finals week and AP exams.
Here are some baby Pickles who were just getting their start, with bright personalities already shining through!



Leah Thomas as Strawberry Shortcake in the Halloween parade.

Joanna Holden posing with the Demon Deacon, foreshadowing her future studying at Wake Forest!

Emerson Jordan relaxing on the couch with her dog.

Sam Chubb has loved cake since he was little!

Lila Bell and Dad sporting their Tar Heel fashion!

Mika Hannah learning how to drive. Watch out on the roads!

Kathryn Whalen looking very sporty as she poses for a picture.

Daria Prokhnitski ready to take on the summer!

Anastasia Sugimoto showing of her skills as she gracefully rides this beautiful horse!

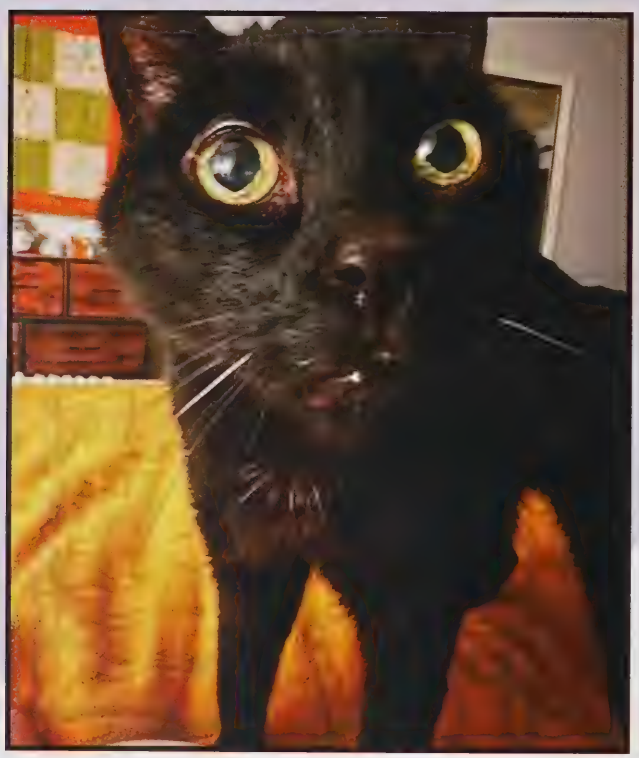
Gray Wilkins's first time facing the paparazzi! No pictures please!

What Pet Should I Get?

Pickle Pets

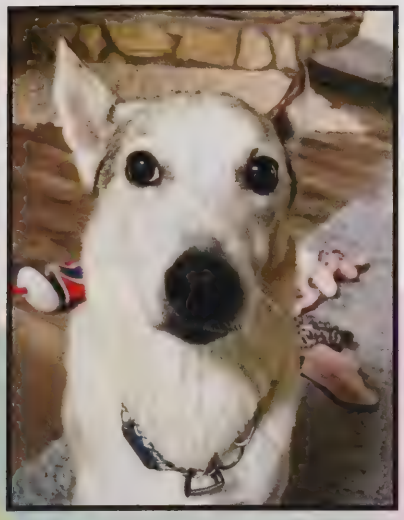
Brynn's dogs, Peppa and Linus, take a needed nap after a day of play.

Silas's dog, Luke, snuggled up for the day under the covers of a cozy bed.



Vivi's cat, Anzo, stares off into the distance, lost in thought.

Saya's dogs, Chicken and Nugget, enjoy a fall day in their jackets.



Sam's sweet dog Mingo gazes up into the camera, a picture of politeness.

Liv and Xavier's duck poses for the camera with their growing feathers.

Kyla's dogs, Charlotte and Fern, tan in the sun.

Margaux's cat Evie guards the front door, watching for any visitors.

Being away from home for extended periods of time can be incredibly challenging, and it often makes us long for the familiar comfort of our families and friends. However, what we miss the most during these times are our beloved furry companions. After weeks or months of being immersed in the busy world of the arts, with its constant demands, there's nothing quite as soothing as returning home. During breaks, we truly crave the simple joy of curling up next to our pets, feeling their warmth, and experiencing the unconditional love they always offer. Their presence brings a sense of calm and belonging that makes everything feel right again.

Heather's dog, Bobby, sits in a guitar case. He is ready to start his music career.

Red fish, red fish...RED FISH?! John Madison struggles to find which car is actually his.

John and Shaun (C/O '24) catch up in the car on the way to breakfast!

Adalyn Cawthon seems to be a bit out of practice from parking, as she struggles to stay within the lines at her local Food Lion.

Pickle Mobiles

If I Drove an Ice Cream Truck!

Whether it's a daily activity for our commuter students or a much-needed escape for our residential students, driving is a paramount aspect of many people's high school experience. For residential students, it offers a source of freedom while they are away from campus. Here are some fun pics of our students and their cars!

Fox and Lucius Hamblen in their driveway looking cool for a photo with their car after a long day at school.

Kathryn and Heather have a little tailgate party in Lot B!

Caleigh sits on the hood of her car enjoying an overcast day.

Another late-night run to Cookout for their favorite peanut butter fudge milkshake! Joanna and Mya spent Halloween in their costumes at the nearest Cookout.

Heather Hopkins sits on top of her car repping her pickle attire.

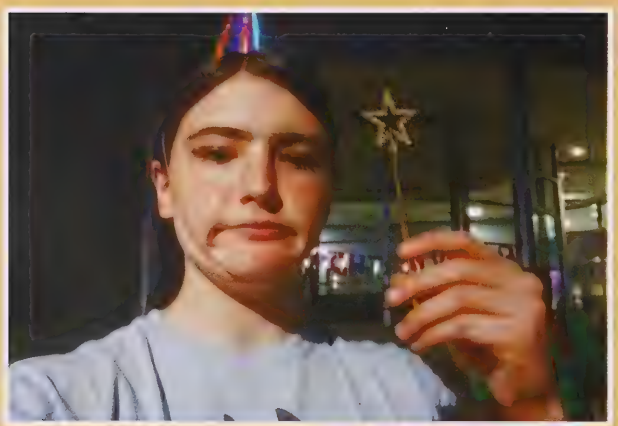
Charlotte, Loie, Arlo, and Tanisi (C/O '24) pose for a selfie in the car on a weekend lake excursion!

Piano majors surprise thier professor with a birthday party in Crawford!

Skyler Mills blowing out sixteen candles to celebrate her Sweet Sixteenth.

Hope Adams at her Sweet Sixteen Tea Party with friends and family.

Joanna Holden blowing out candles for her eighteenth birthday!



Scarlett Brock outside of the connector making a birthday wish.

Ms. Valerie and Dr. Ford serve cupcakes at the July and August birthday celebration.

Happy Birthday To You!

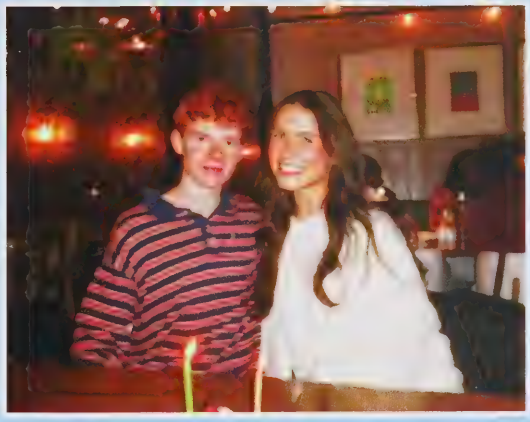
Birthdays

This year's birthday celebrations were unforgettable! With many of us celebrating our sixteenth birthdays and getting our licenses, and others turning eighteen with their eyes looking towards what the future holds. Whether you had a huge birthday blowout or a small get-together in the dorms, the birthdays this year have truly been memorable.

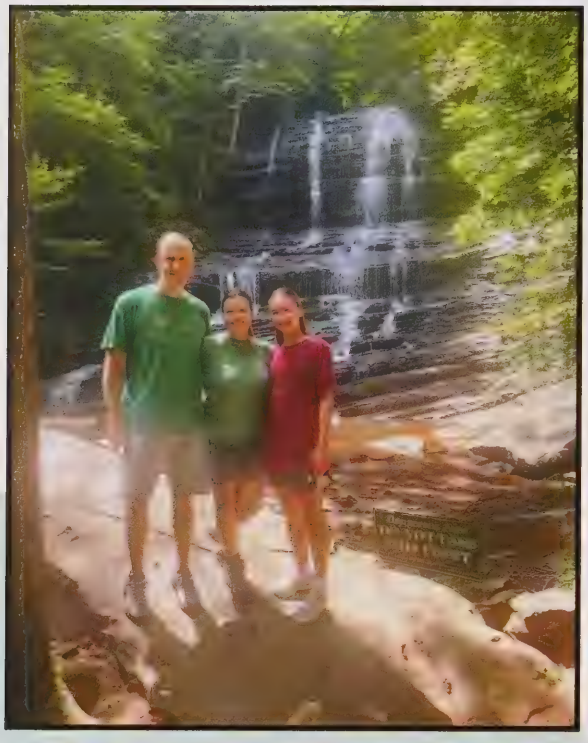
Eija Maldonado smiles big to celebrate his birthday!

Mallory and Scarlett smile big while celebrating Joanna's birthday!

Some friends get together to have a birthday celebration at school.



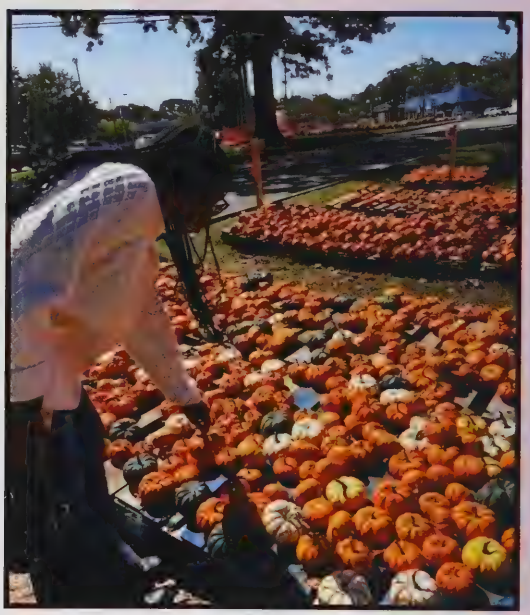
Spencer Fitzgerald and Mya Kerestes cleberate their 18th birthdays together.



Adalyn Cawthon and her parents enjoyed some scenic waterfall hikes, taking in the beauty of nature!

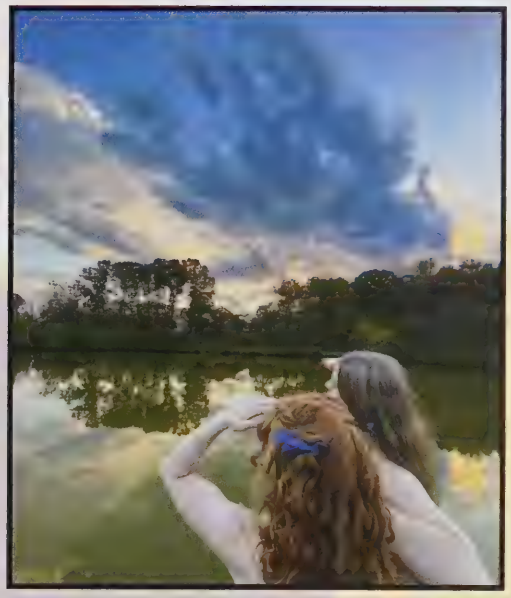
Tessa Ledbetter spends her fall break in New York visiting all the popular fall locations!

During fall break, Alyssa Bole & her dad take on the once in a lifetime opportunity to see Billie Eilish in concert in Detroit.



Zion Mack and Mallory Stratton have lots of fun picking out the perfect pumpkin!

Mika Hannah and friend Noemi spend their break walking the streets of NYC!



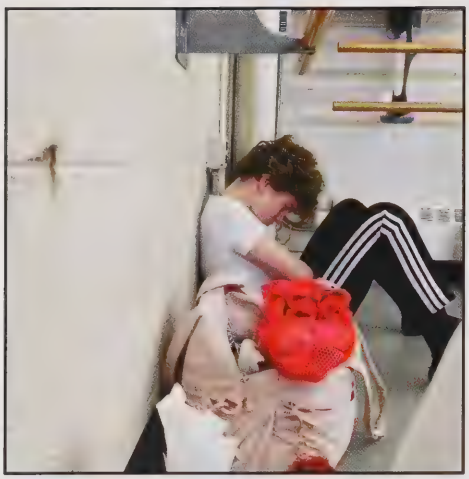
KiKi McKinney and Maddy Rodziewicz look out onto a beautiful sunset on the lake.

Fall Break!

Apples Up On Top!

Scarlett Szewczyk reconnects with UNCSA Alum Ryan Pecorella over Fall Break in Los Angeles!

Fall Break at UNCSA happens during the first week of October! This break gives our hard working pickles the time to rest, hang out with friends and family, and participate in all the fall activities! Some travel far, some stay local, but most importantly, they all reconnect with each other back at UNCSA! Check out what some of our pickles did this fall break!



Silas Moody uses the wall as support for comfort while drifting off during rehearsal after working long and hard hours.

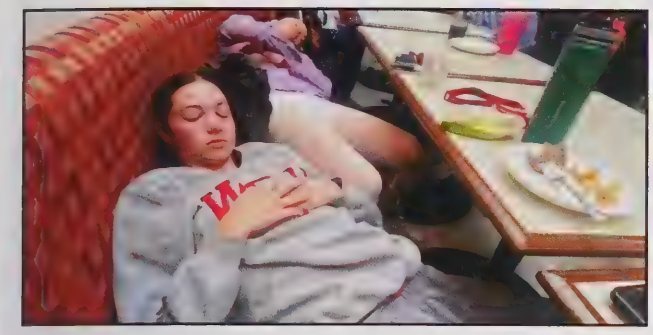
Kelsey Swire is sneaking in a quick nap during Nutcracker rehearsal between runs. Her pointe shoes are wearing her out, so she's recharging to get the energy needed to get back on her toes.

"Life is too short to wake up with regrets!"

Brynn Copeland is sound asleep, wrapped up in her cozy blanket with her eye mask shielding her eyes. Her stuffed animals are nestled close, adding extra comfort for a peaceful rest.

Molly Anderson resting in the high school connector building during her lunch break to recharge for the rest of her long day.

Sleeping Pickles

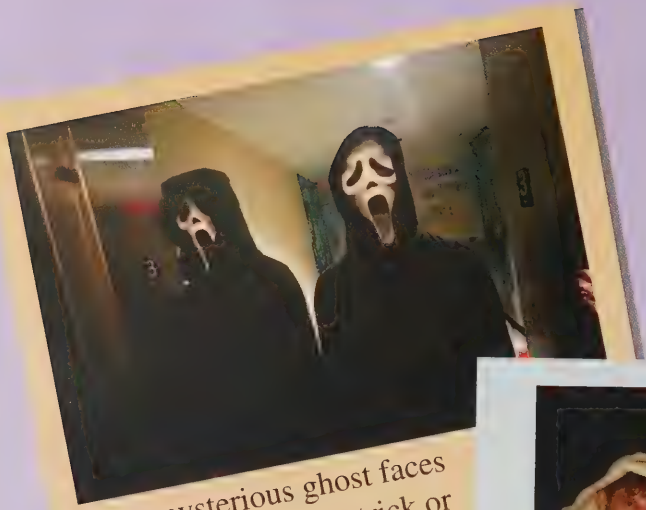


Myla Calhoun feeling a little bit sleepy after her dinner in the dining hall. Long class days take it out of a dancer.

Scout Rabideau takes a much needed nap after a long day of rehearsals while wrapped up in her comfy blanket.

Will Jalkut is catching some sleep during English class, likely dreaming about all the poems he's about to create.

In a small town, UNCSA is famous for its magical pickles, who enjoy a deep, peaceful sleep every night. After long days of dancing, singing, acting, painting, and playing music, the pickles slowly stir in their brine-filled jars before curling up for a well-deserved nap. The pickles at UNCSA dream of endless cucumber fields and dill-flavored oceans. These artistic pickles need plenty of rest to perform at their very best. Here are the moments we captured of our pickles indulging in some much-needed sleep.



Two mysterious ghost faces roaming the halls to trick or treat.

Myla and Alyssa ready for a Challengers tennis match outside of the HS dorms.

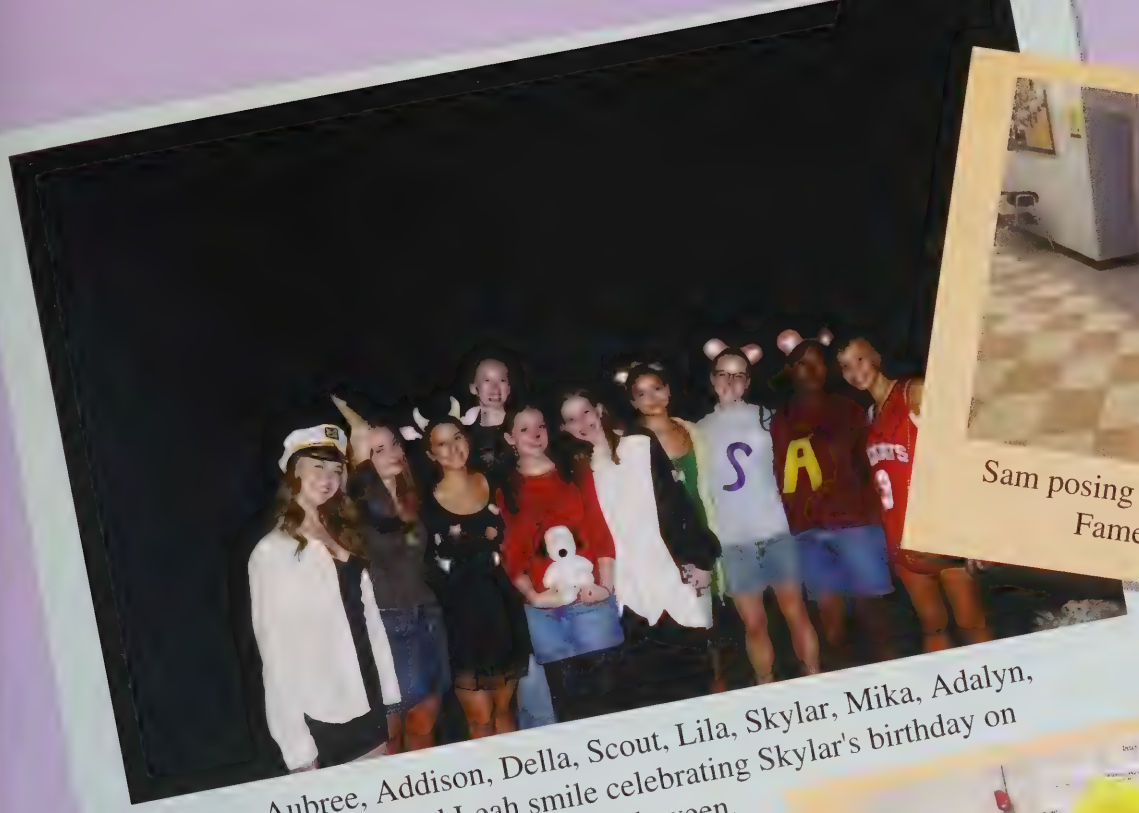
Spencer, Joanna, Mallory, and Mya dressed up as characters from the Wizard of Oz. Ready to go trick or treating!

Lila, Leah, Mika, and Kelsey posing after the Halloween dance contest.

Annabelle, Janelle, Audrey, Brook, and Larissa pose for a Halloweens selfie as Winx fairies!

Kathryn and Pfifer dressed up as Sabrina Carpenter and Jenna Ortega from the "Taste" music video.

The scooby-doo squad is ready to take on any mysteries that come their way!



Aubree, Addison, Della, Scout, Lila, Skylar, Mika, Adalyn, Kelsey, and Leah smile celebrating Skylar's birthday on Halloween.

Sam posing as Lady Gaga's iconic Fame Monster Era.

Alvin and the Chipmunks were spotted at on campus, singing their famous tunes.

Xavier Cacanindin dressed up in his minion costume ready to steal the moon!

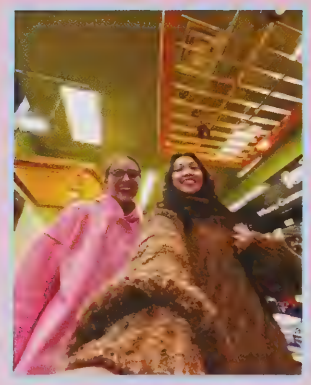
As we navigate our first semester, we look forward to the spooky night of October 31st. Pickles get to spend their academic and arts classes dressed up as anything from Lady Gaga to Ghostface. At the end of the night, we get the rare opportunity to "swap" halls for trick-or-treating. Our CCs line up throughout the halls with buckets of candy, while students are allowed to visit any hall of their choosing. The fun lasts for a couple of hours and ends with everyone in a candy coma!

Em and Lun posing with their skull makeup on!

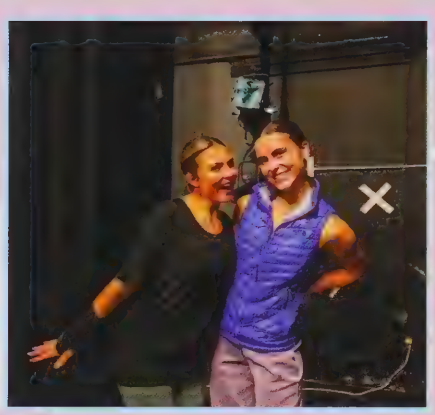
What Was I Scared Of?

Halloween

"Wacky Wednesday"

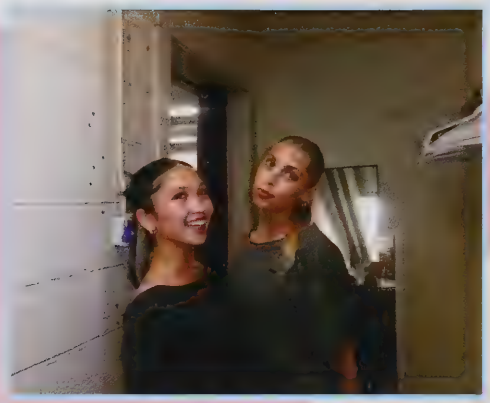


Mya Kerestes and Mallory Stratton head to the POD to get a sweet treat on a Wednesday night!



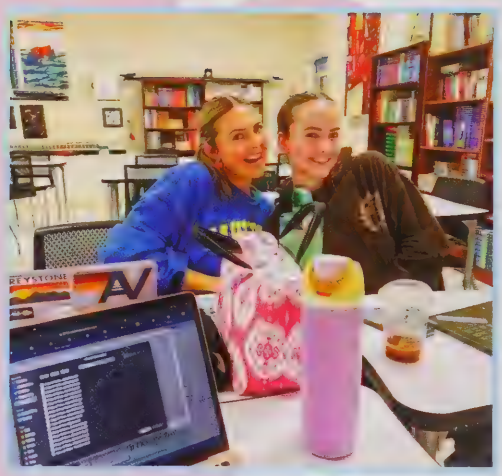
Joanna Holden and Mya Kerestes smile in composition class on Arts Wednesday with Joanna's sprained wrist.

Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Suzy, and Mr. Nelson serve ice cream to students during intermission on an Arts Wednesday.



Mallory and Scarlett smile together before performing in Fall Dance on a Wednesday evening.

Arts Wednesday is a unique UNCSA experience! Every Wednesday, students enjoy a day of only their art classes and no academics. Students spend this time practicing and refining their art techniques and enjoying their free time hanging out with others. Arts Wednesday is a common time for clubs and extracurriculars to meet and for students to unite, who do not always get the chance to do so. Res life staff also often host events and fun activities for students to enjoy on Arts Wednesday. It is a day that only UNCSA pickles get to enjoy and experience together!



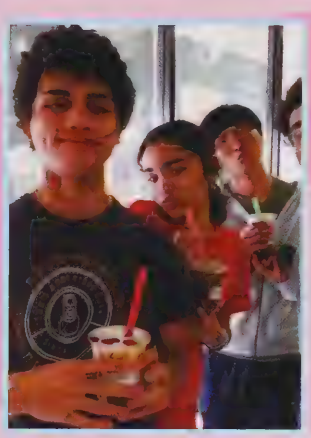
Joanna Holden and Adalyn Cawthon work hard editing the yearbook on Wednesday mornings.

Clubs and Organizations

A group of friends enjoy a fun game of tennis together in their free time.

Some members of the Asian Student Union (and some friends) enjoy Tiger Tea together!

Allie, Kelsey, Madison, Della and Alondra posing for a club leader picture after hosting Friendsgiving.



Asian Student Union members enjoying their boba from Tiger Tea.

Members of the "Pickle Perfect" Club hoping to recruit some new talent at the UNCSA high school club fair!

Will and Allie demonstrating a "Shoulder Sit" for Pickles on the Town!

Students at UNCSA can run and participate in a variety of clubs and organizations, each making a significant impact. From Student Government to Student Unions and everything in between, these clubs are the heart of our community. Their service projects and event planning not only enrich our campus life, but also make us proud of our collective contributions.

Even outside the studio these ballet boys never miss the opportunity to show off.

What happens in the dance circle, stays in the dance circle!

A group of friends pose together after a great night at Fauxcoming!

This group of seniors pose before they take on a fun night of dancing at Fauxcoming!

The M1B class got together and turned homecomin into an all day event, they said it was completely worth it for these pretty pics and a day off campus

Why have a Homecoming when you can have a Fauxcoming? We may not have a football team, but these Pickles sure do know how to have fun! Any excuse to get dressed up, take pictures, and dance the night away with your friends is always welcome. Capri Suns and dance circles were among the highlights of the evening, and there is nothing that gets a party going better than Starships and the Wobble. It's safe to say this year's Fauxcoming was a success and one to remember!

At hoco EVERYONE is a dance major!

At UNCSA, we love to dance the night away!

These freshmen couldn't wait for their first ever fauxcoming!

John, Kathryn, and Heather agree that the CapriSuns were definitely a hit!

These VA's were definitly in for a treat at their first UNCSA dance!

Joanna and Mya enjoying their last hoco together!

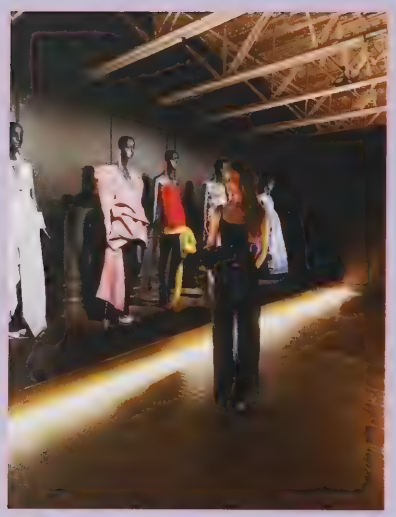
Photobombing friends makes memories all the more special!

This friend group is looking pretty in pink!

Homecoming!

The Grinch!

Winter Break



Tessa had the unique opportunity to visit the SCAD Fashion Museum between auditions.

Alyssa and her brother enjoy exploring San Fransisco history!

Mallory and Tessa celebrated the holidays with friends on the ice.

Della had a memorable time visiting with her camp friends in Atlanta.

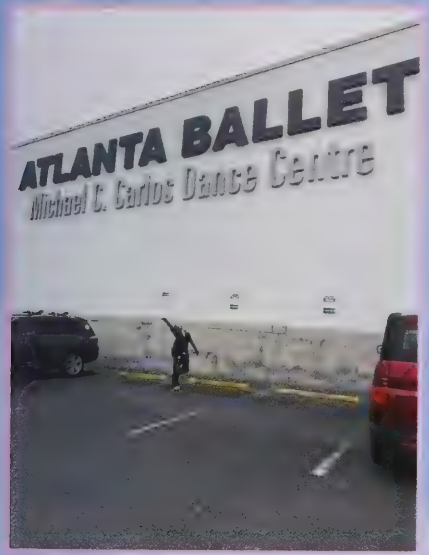
Mika traveled to Amsterdam to experience the European School of Ballet's winter intensive.

Lila Bell frolicking in the Pittsburgh snow while visiting her friend!

Mya and Adalyn enter the New Year together!

Emerson drinks a hot chocolate while enjoying the Christmas lights.

Winter Break comes around at the perfect time, just when students are ready for a much-needed rest after all their hard work in the first semester. Students enjoyed their month-long break in many different ways. They finally had time to relax at home after a very busy few months. Many were able to be with friends and family for the holidays, and some even spent time with fellow Pickles over break. Some students traveled around the country and the world, while others pursued their arts at intensives and auditions. Everyone was excited to return in January, share stories of their winter break adventures, and enter the new year together!



Tessa traveled to Atlanta so she could audition for colleges over the break.

Joanna and her sister ice skate in Rockefeller Center.

Kyla and Madeleine take a stroll on the beach in California!

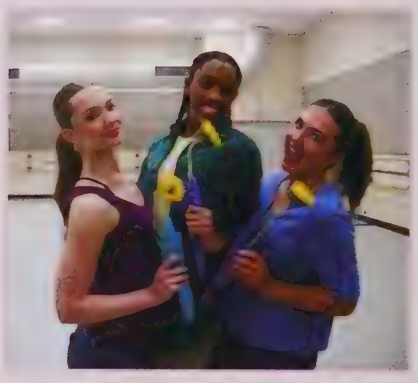
Rehearsals and Performances

UNCSA students performing in the impressive opera!

THE BOX! The infamous present in the party scene. How do all of these dancing dolls appear in the box, one at a time?

Anabelle, David, Italia, and Isabella take a break from playing their beautiful music in the pit for Nutcracker.

Scarlett, Mya, Joanna, and Mallory finish up their SPREE performance; now it's time to celebrate!



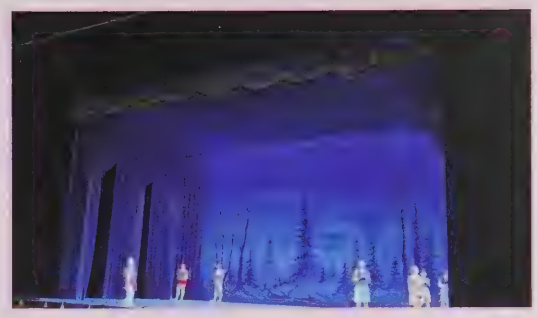
The best part about finishing a show is receiving your well deserved flowers!

Willow, performing in one of the first jazz concerts of the new school year!

Dancers rehearse on stage as Clara and her friends in one of the many late-night act 1 runs at the Tanger Center.

RED FANS! Joanna and Mallory rehearse for Holiday Suite, celebrating Chinese New Year.

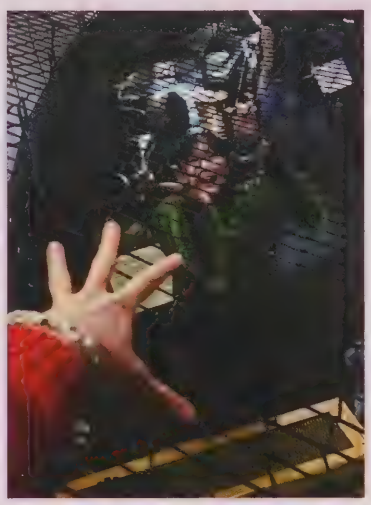
Noelle performs her Partita flawlessly as the opening act of the show! The M2 comp project is finally complete!



Before they were ready for the audience, the Nutcracker dancers first had to perfect their spacing!

Leah rehearses the famous Clara solo in Studio A.

Spencer and Joanna capture a photo together at their last Fall Dance.



All ready for campus night of the Nutcracker, Annabelle tries to reach through the net to see her friends and show off her handmade sweater!

David, Lara, and Saybren are intently focused while performing with the Symphony Orchestra!

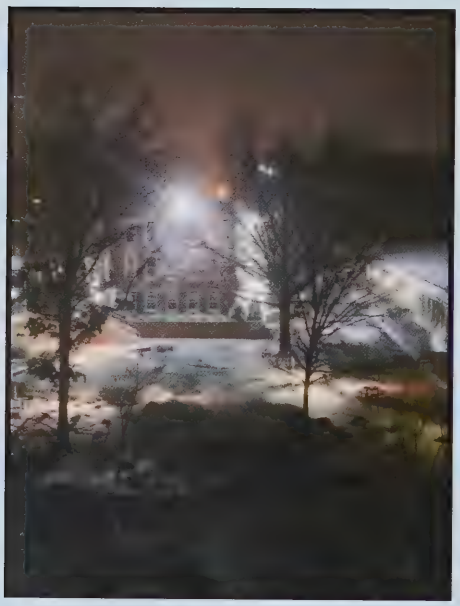
UNCSA hosts over 200 performances each year, showcasing a wealth of talent and artistry from our students, faculty, and guest artists. As any artist knows, capturing the essence of a work within a performance takes many, many rehearsals and years of dedication to one's craft. Dancers spend countless hours reviewing counts and perfecting the minor details that draw the audience in. Actors consistently workshop their craft, preparing everything from minute emotions to entire stories for the stage. Visual artists construct a myriad of physical works that often encapsulate abstract ideas in stunning, tangible interpretations. Musicians work tirelessly to create and rehearse an expansive repertoire of diverse pieces, bonding with and sharing the meaning found within each work (half the time consisting of the conductor shouting, "One more time!").

Each artist is deeply dedicated to their practice, and the fruits of their performances beautifully demonstrate what it means to be an artist.

"It's snowing out, there's lots to do!"

Leah, Mika, Kelsey, Adalyn, Addison, and Lila take on their first snow day at UNCSA!

John's snowman friend Jimmy enjoying the cold weather, waiting to come to life!



A quiet campus sleeps as snow falls late into the night.

Ella and Emerson were overjoyed for a surprise snow day just before the opening of Winter Dance!

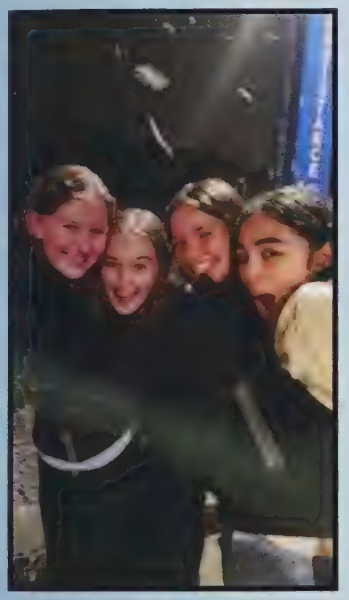
Will and Eden taking in the serenity of a beautiful snowy night!

Kyla, Vivi, Andrew, Myla, Margaux, Liv, Brynn and Madeleine, cozy up to stay warm!

Our beautiful campus the morning after snowfall!

Students show their snowy creativity with a snow bear!

These underclassmen were very excited to get a day off of school to enjoy the flurries!



Lila, Vivi, Margaux and Liv hugging in the snow!

Campus always seems more magical when it snows!

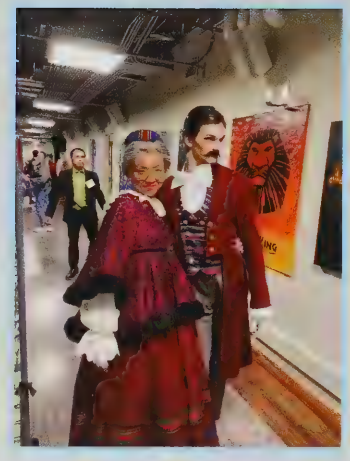
Twas the night before Nutcracker, and all through the dorms,
Most students were stirring as snowflakes formed.

Cries of joy were heard up and down the halls,
As Winston-Salem got inches of snow while it was still fall!

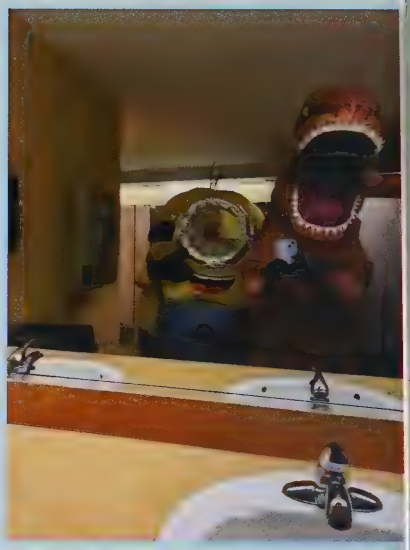
Although it was midnight, the students were let out,
They had the CC's to thank, there is no doubt.

Students ran and jumped as if touched by magic,
Not having had snow for so long has been tragic!

Oh No! Students are imprisoned! Wait. That's just the mother Ginger Skirt.

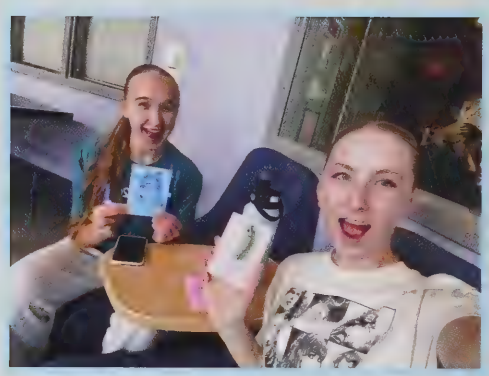


Where else will you find Allie dressed as a stylish grandmother with her son, Andrew?



A very serious interaction betweened two esteemed beings.

"From There to Here and Here to There"



Megan and McKenna showing off their drawings during Intermission!

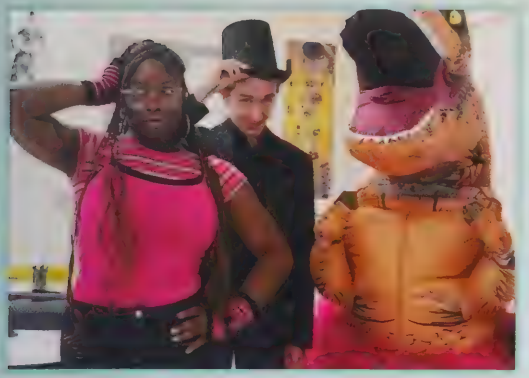
Will rocking a (slight) 0.5 photo in Misha's office.

Our very serious professor, Misha Tchoupakov, dressed up as a cop...?

Laughter always fills the halls at UNCSA!

Caleigh, Willow, Kaitlin, Mckenna, and Dasha looking fierce at Fauxco!!

"Funny Things Are Everywhere!"

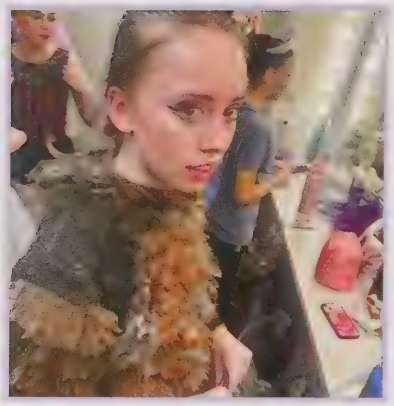


Where else would you see "girl at the apple store, four-score, and a dinosaur?

Mallory and Tessa expertly pulling off this stunt.

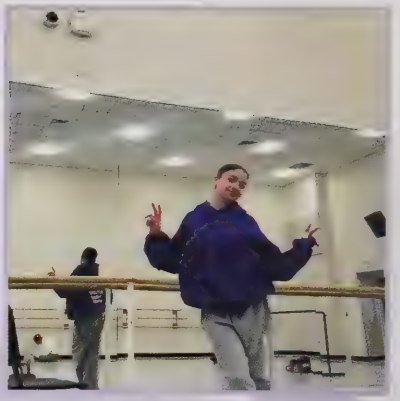
Liv and Vivi's hair-styling skills splendidly being put to work.

It is no exaggeration to say that UNCSA is an... interesting place. In fact, that may perhaps be one of the greatest understatements of our time. The dichotomy found within this environment speaks for itself: On one hand, this institution is a place of rigorous training that demands high levels of competence, independence, and growth in order to inform real-world standards of professionalism and artistry to a select group of promising auditionees. On the other hand... well, you've seen the pictures. Truly, there's nothing abnormal about these pictures being found at an arts school (or any high school, for that matter). Even so, it consistently subverts the expectations of many whose only impression of the school has been the first few sentences above.



Scout prepped to take the stage in her stylish mouse costume!

Heather Hopkins in a fire fit ready for the fall Rock 'n Roll dance!



Mika Hannah in her classic pre-ballet class fit: some comfy pants and a stylish hoodie!

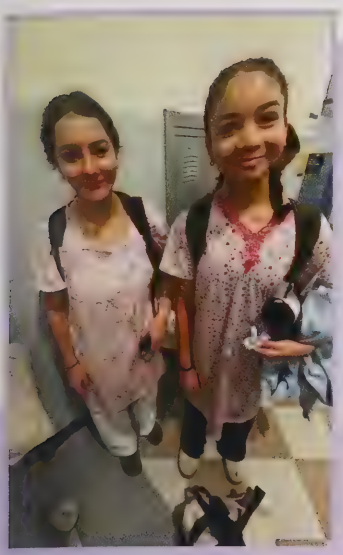
Pickle Fits

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"

Kelsey Swire dressed in her farmer fit to present her unsustainable farm in APES!

Lila Wells fitted up in her festive holiday pajamas!

Alyssa ready to go out to eat in NYC!



Mika and Della have the biggest grins while matching in their stylish PJs.

Annabelle Wang and Audrey Song out on the town!

Lee says they normally dress in all black but they decided to play around with a monochrome outfit in one of their favorite colors, red!

Griffin Honrado looking quite stylish for a mirror selfie!

Wyatt dressed up and ready to perform as a priest in Coppelia!

Zion and Alanna stylishly pose amidst sparkling fairy lights.

An iconic shot of Brynn and Kyla wearing matching heart pajamas!

John Madison poses with his Music Lit. teacher Dr. Dodds, dressed up like him for spirit week!

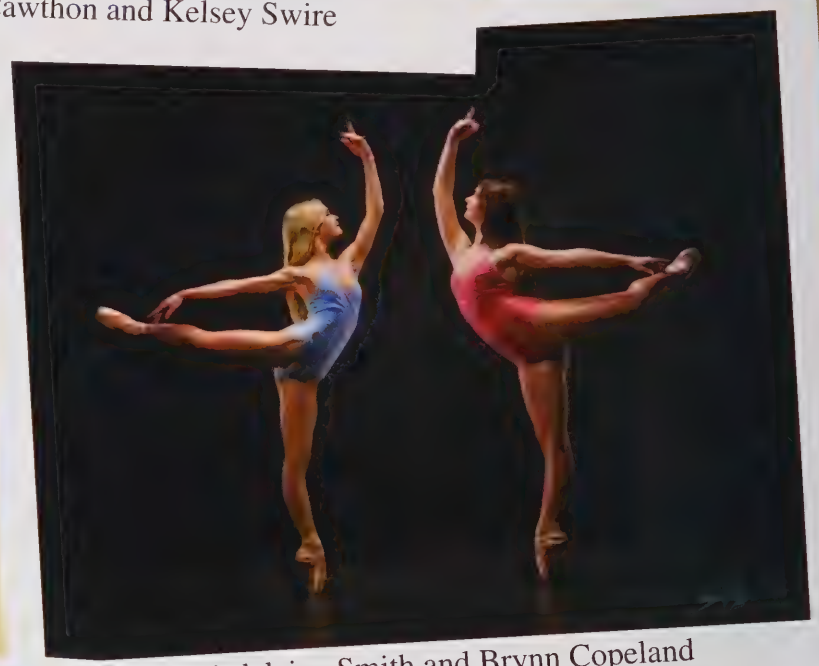
Not only are our Pickles excellent at their art - they also know how to dress to the nines! One only has to think about UNCSA HS alum Hunter Schafer who got her start designing clothes for proof. While the high school may not have a fashion couse, you definitely wouldn't know it. Enjoy some pics of their stylish fits!

Griffin Honrado and Felicia Adizue

Molly Anderson and Alexis Bittner

Adalyn Cawthon and Kelsey Swire

Kathryn Whalen and Heather Hopkins

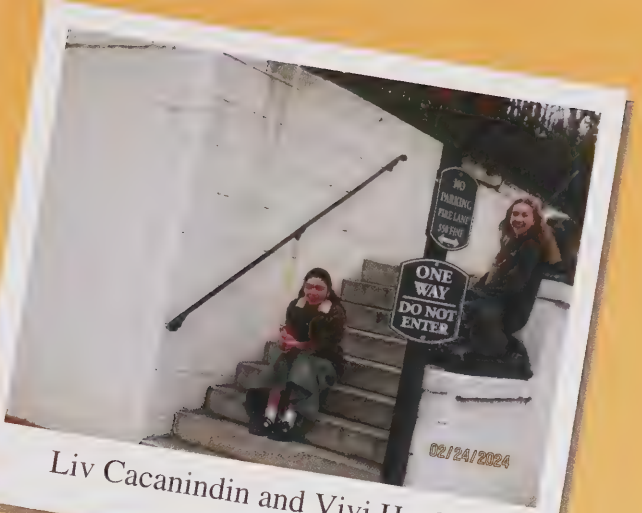


Madeleine Smith and Brynn Copeland

Sam Chubb and Mika Hannah

Tessa Ledbetter and Scarlett Szewczyk

Finding the Thing 2 to your Thing 1 makes high school a little easier and more fun! Dynamic Duos are all around, from roommates, classmates and beyond. Friendships that can last a lifetime are made here at UNCSA!



Liv Cacanindin and Vivi Hughey

Kyla Guay and Saya Nolan

Virginia Grace Mataya and John Madison

Will Bundon and Eden Fubert

LILA SQUARED! Lila Wells and Lila Bell

Mya Kerestes and Mallory Stratton

Gray Wilkins and Silas Moody-Laird

Ella Holcomb and Annabelle Wang

Dynamic Duos!

Molly Anderson, Freshman

Molly is always a ray of sunshine to those around her! She makes everyone feel included! Molly smiles in rehearsals and in academics. What a feat! You can turn to her to hear a kind word at anytime.

Caroline Rucker, Sophomore

Caroline is always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. She always waves at everyone in the halls, is ready to lend a listening ear, and even represents her peers in the Student Government!

Leah Thomas, Junior

Leah always has a smile on her face, and helps spreads kindness to all on campus. She always lights up the room and brings joy to everyone. Leah is so funny and never fails to make you laugh!

Kind Pickles!

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot. Nothing is going to get better. It's not."

Throughout the challenges and tumultuous times that is life as a student at UNCSA, it is the people around us who make the hard days better! We thought it was important to highlight some kind pickles that were nominated by their peers for their constant compassion, caring and support of their peers! Whether its a simple "hello" in the hallway, or being there in times of need, these kind pickles are bound to brighten your day!

Tofarati Agbedi, Senior

Tofarati lights up the room with a bright smile and an infectious laugh (sometimes with no facial expression)! She's a warm and bubbly presence that radiates joy and kindness.

The Res Life Staff is a critical component in UNCSA high schoolers' lives, and we could not function without them! The Res Life Staff does outstanding work, day and night, prioritizing the students' safety and well-being above all else. They plan countless activities, trips, and events to ensure that residing in the dorms is an enjoyable experience.

The Res Life Staff gets to witness the true behind-the-scenes experience of these unique high school artists' lives. They see the students bright and early, rushing to their 8 a.m. classes, hanging out in the Connector in their pajamas right before curfew, and hurrying back to the dorms midday to grab a binder or ballet shoe they forgot for one of their classes.

Through all of the ups and downs they witness during the busiest of times, the Res Life Staff is here to support the students at UNCSA no matter what, always showing interest in helping out in any way they can. The relationships students build with the Res Life Staff members are extremely special, as UNCSA is their home away from home.

Matt and Pierce strike a fun pose while hanging out at the desk in the connector.

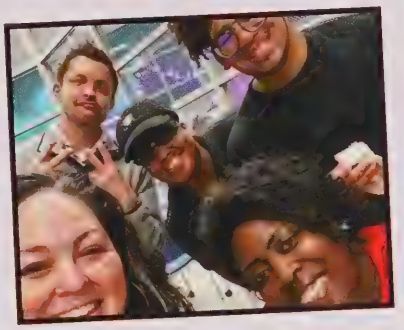
Ms. Valerie, Ms. Suzy, Ms. Nicole, Ms. Kimber, Ms. Stephanie, and Matt pose for a group picture dressed up.

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Nicole pose with the pickle mascot together.

Our wonderful CC's smile for a picture in the elevator!

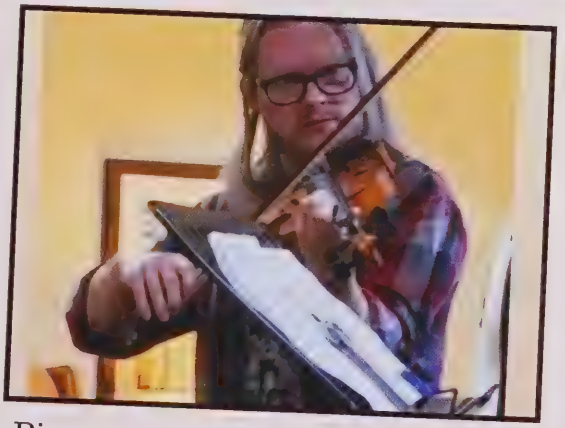
The CC's all smile and pose for a picture together while dressed up in their all-out Halloween costumes.

The Res Life Staff serves FroYo to students in the gallery on an Arts Wednesday.



CC's smile for a group selfie in the connector.

CC's Matt and Ms. Nicole shovel snow while waiting for students to return from Winter Break.



Pierce practices playing the violin with focus.

Pierce smiles for a photo with a dog.

If I Ran the Zoo!

Res Life Staff

If I Ran The Circus!

Academic Faculty

Is Dr. Clark a vampire? Or does he just like hanging out with bats?

The school would literally fall apart without our favorite candy lady, Ms. Stiller!

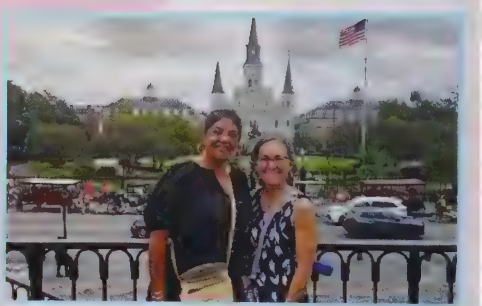
The academic faculty and staff form a special group at UNCSA! Coming from a wide variety of backgrounds and places around the world, the academic teachers make up a unique team of educators for the students at UNCSA. Our campus faculty plays a vital role in making UNCSA the wonderful place it is today—work without which the school could not function. Many teachers instruct multiple classes or subjects and excel in diverse areas of expertise. Sometimes, students take a class with a teacher in one subject, only to have them again years later in a different course—creating a unique, full-circle moment. The academic faculty at UNCSA offers ongoing support to students, accommodating their busy schedules with flexibility and dedication. They consistently support students' artistic endeavors and take a keen interest in their performances.

Many teachers have been part of UNCSA for years—far longer than any student—and know all there is to know about being a Pickle. The staff as a whole plays a crucial role in supporting students, who are deeply grateful for all they do.

UNCSA students are deeply grateful for an incredible faculty that fosters the close-knit community shaping their high school experience. The teachers and staff at UNCSA are truly exceptional!

We all know how tirelessly Dean Ferrell works to make the High School Academic Program the best that it can be!

Madame Golden: une belle ame.



Mrs. Harvey meets up with Dr. Anantnarayan while on a trip in New Orleans.

Mr. George and his headbanging pals, Merry and Pippin, in their matching protective headgear!

Mrs. Willey loves to run into Big Foot!

Mrs. George reveals her true identity and her new sidekick, Merry.

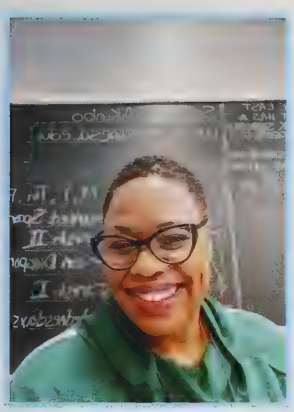
This fun pink background definitely captures the essence of Dr. Hart.

Teachers wishing everyone a happy first day of school as they greet both new and returning students at High School Convocation!

Mr. Sabolcik thinks with *The Thinker!*

Mr. Snyder is always ready to help with your college and course planning needs.

Mr. Bo hangs out with his favorite pickle ever: his daughter, Lacy!



Señora Akinbo will always tell it like it is in Spanish or in English!

While in Ireland, Mr. Smith bonded with his spirit animal, a golden eagle.

RARE SIGHTING! Mr. Pfefferkorn on a mountain- without skis!

"Just never forget to be dexterous and deft. And never mix up your right foot with your left."

Contemporary

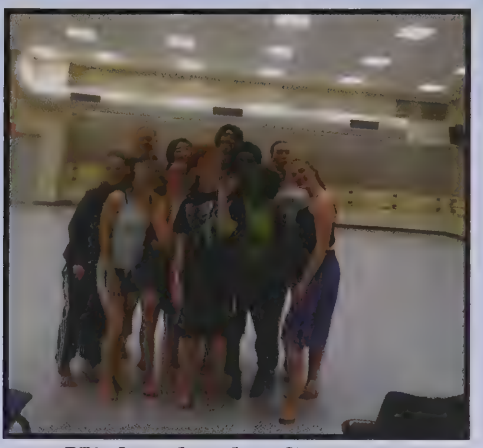
The M2B High School Contemporary class filmed their Fall Dance piece, "No Name," for the local news station Fox 8.

Noelle Kebebew, Gianna Kepner, and McKenna Kelly pose for a pic during a much needed water break.

Hyleigh O'Neal, Pfifer Spruill, Brooke Adkins, Wenyi Li, and Julie Trotter smile together in the dressing room while preparing to perform.

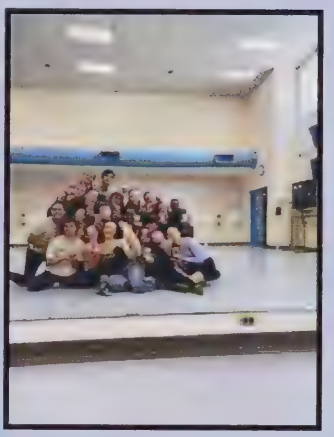
Tessa Ledbetter, Mallory Stratton, Lisa Fink, and Gianna Kepner show up to class in matching pants!

Tessa Ledbetter and Mallory Stratton snap a shot during their Fall Dance solo rehearsal.

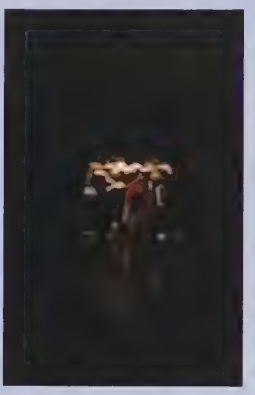


High-schooler Spencer Fitzgerald and his classmates pose for a selfie before technique class.

Mallory Stratton, Tessa Ledbetter, Scarlett Szewczyk, Joanna Holden, and Mya Kerestes dressed up as princesses for pointe class on Halloween.



The High School M1B Class poses for a mirror selfie with their gifts from their choreographer before performing their first ever Fall Dance.



The M1B Class embraces one another on stage during their Fall Dance Performance.

The M2B High School Contemporary class dressed up as characters for their Halloween dance, "M2 She in Ha Mood."

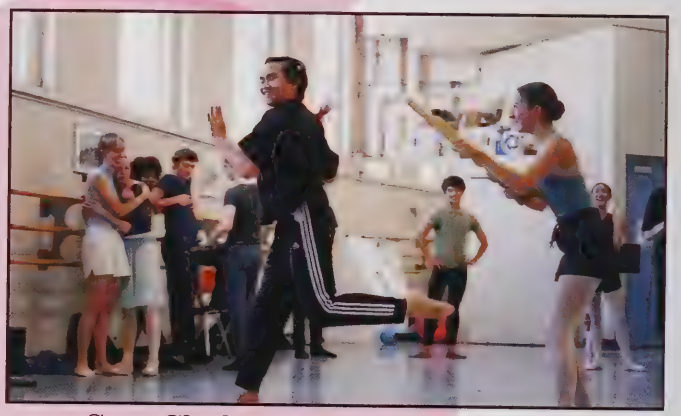
At UNCSA, contemporary dance students embark on a transformative journey to uncover the essence of what it means to be an artist. Students immerse themselves in dynamic choreographic experiences, from the Fall Dance to the Emerging Choreographers Showcase and a Holiday Suite celebrating diverse holiday traditions. In their first year, dancers refine their technique through foundational methods like Cunningham, Limón, and Horton. By the second year, students dive into floor work and flow techniques, learning to balance energy in their bodies while also crafting their own solos. In their third year, the focus shifts to release work and advanced compositional techniques, giving students the opportunity to create original pieces and set them on fellow dancers. The contemporary dance program at UNCSA is truly a one-of-a-kind space where dancers can explore, express, and discover their unique voice through movement.

The Foot Book!

Ballet

Brynn Copeland, Leah Thomas, and Adalyn Cawthon matching in their fun and colorful leotards for Nutcracker rehearsal!

Thanks to the school's partnership with ABT, students got the chance to work with and take class from ABT JKO School faculty member Cornell Callender.



Sam Chubb and Madison Jenkins prepping for the iconic battle scene in the Nutcracker.

The first day of class for the new B6 level. They are excited to spend the year with Ms. Zerbe!!

These flowers were ready for the final Nutcracker show of the year! Getting to perform with your friends always makes it more fun!

Jenny Firschein and Mika Hannah ready to rehearse dolls for this years production of the Nutcracker!

The B4's class having a great time on Halloween all dressed up in costume!

The B5's work with teacher Emily Nicolaou on release technique and trusting each other during an outdoor class.

Jenny and Liv ready to take the stage as snowflakes in this years nutcracker production!

Lila Bell and Madeleine Smith posing for the camera before going on stage for Nutcracker!

Adalyn Cawthon and Kyla Guay ready to debut their oles as Chocolate and Tea!

Molly Anderson and Eugene Ochieng practicing their partnering skills.

The B3s using their teamwork to perfect this awesome photo!

Ella, Daria, and Megan ready for opening night of Winter Dance, they couldn't wait for the wedding!

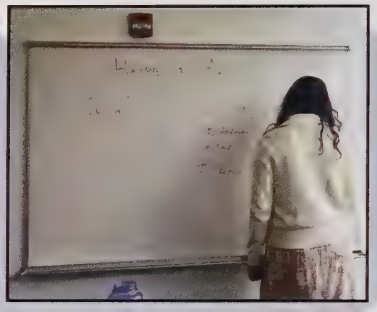
For Ballet Pickles, new and old, the year kicks off with level placements to decide our fate—EEK! Soon after, we jump into the trenches of The Nutcracker, putting on the magical performance at the Steven Tanger Center for the second year.

After a long winter break, we come back to school and quickly put on Winter Dance, followed by Spring Dance—all while diligently rehearsing for our end-of-the-year juries.

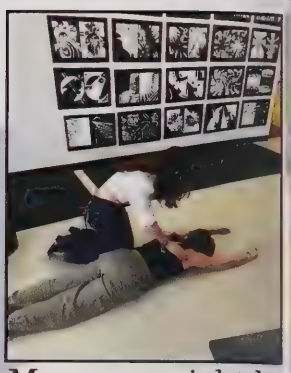
Book of Colors!

Margot Eyssen posing with her beautiful artwork!

Audrey Song poses with a piece.



Chaeeun Yoo writing out the pros and cons of being a VA.



Massages might be needed after a long day of making art!

Artist friends pose for a picture in iconic costumes and amazing makeup!

Arlo uses a cat as the subject for his photo!

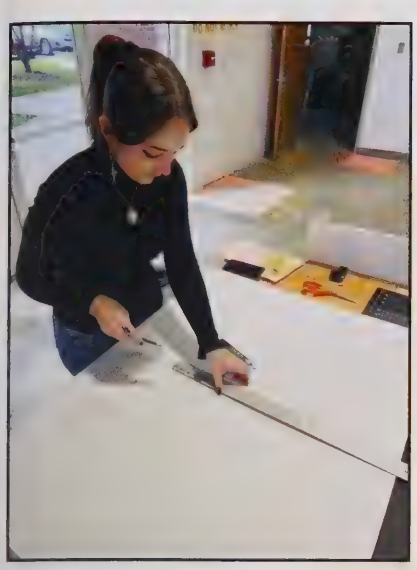
Kate Baughman constructs a cardboard sculpture.

Carley, Lee, Arlo, and Eliza smiling for a picture in the studio.

Charlotte Pyle and VA 2 friends practicing their photography skills.

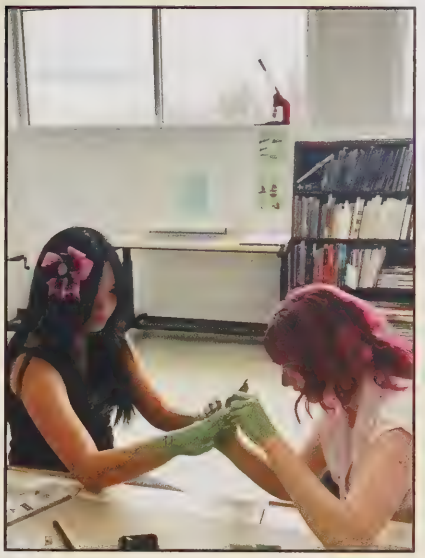
Miles Parrot-Streeck working on a sculpture project.

Arlo Garretson and Lee Ledford posing for a pic with some fun accessories!



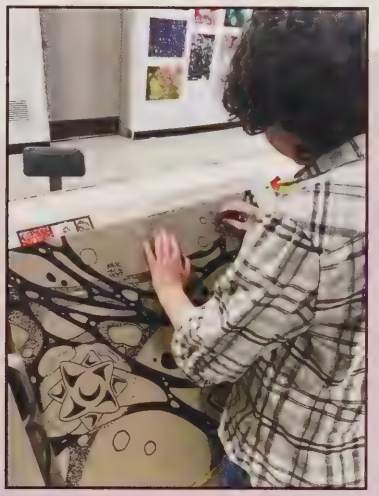
Lydia Mollenkopf measures materials for her sculpture.

VA1 students gather around a sculpture.



Larissa Liu and Freya McCormick having fun in the studio!

VA2 students huddled together for a .5 at a site-specific sculpture project critique.



Ava Moore works on a portfolio cover project.

Arlo Garretson working on a screen painting.

Visual Arts

Between large-scale sculpture projects, design classes, mixed-media pieces, photography projects, and many more creative endeavors, our extremely talented Visual Arts students have been quite busy all year. The VA program creates a space for our artists to develop their craft, work collaboratively, practice critique, and ultimately reinforce the skills they'll use to succeed as professional artists. Take an inside look at life as a VA at UNCSA!

Chaeeun, Molly, Arlo, Michelle, Mila, and their sculpture teacher Teresa smiling for a pic together in the library.

"Horton Hears a Who"

Music

From high-profile guest artist appearances to studio recitals and successful performances of orchestral, chamber, and contemporary works, the School of Music has had a very busy and productive year. Students met the challenges of the new UNCSA Presents 2024-25 performance season with determination and virtuosity, concluding yet another year with a triumph!

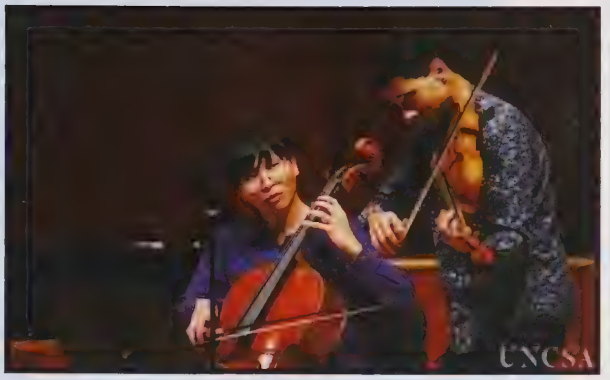
Many of our spectacular music students performed Beethoven's 7th with the UNCSA Symphony Orchestra in November!

A handful of music students performed in the September big band concert.

John, Angello, and Nova play their guitars and trumpet in a second line parade for homecoming weekend.

Some voice studio friends are having fun at Cantata rehearsal!

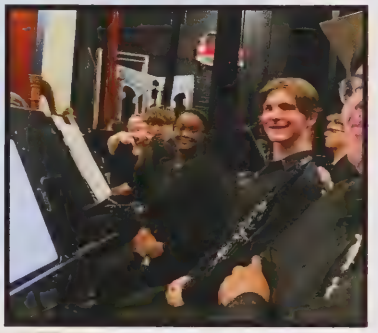
Angello heartily plays in the first jazz band performance of the school year!



Andrew performs alongside Viola faculty Jordan Bak at the Fall Chamber Music Festival.

Pianists Afrah and Gabriel (C/O '24) hang out in a practice room.

Pierson and Cameron practice the ancient technique of "bag trombone."



Our clarinetists smile for a pic at a UNCSA Wind Ensemble performance.

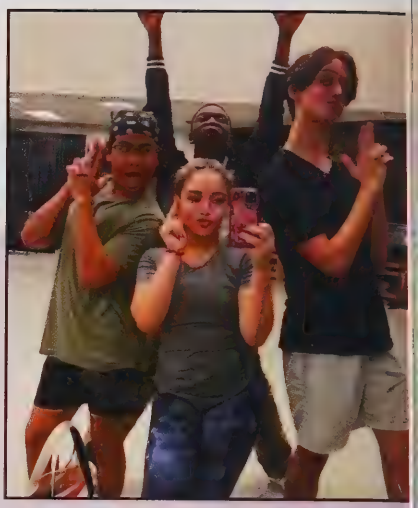
Willow keeping the vibes going!!

Voice students prepare for Cantata's 2024 opera debut.

Nova shredding at the jazz concert!

David and fellow students & faculty perform at the Fall Chamber Music Festival.

Eunoia's first day of drama classes! They are excited to enter the new year with new people!



Josh, Dominick, Alondra, and Devan taking a mirror pic together.

Why blend in when you can stand out in pink? Alondra, Josh, Emerson, Kara, and Ava coordinating in pink for spirit week!

Tofarati, Harry, Josh, Ava, Jahia, Kara, Bri, Will, and Alondra having fun taking a picture before class!

The Seussical!

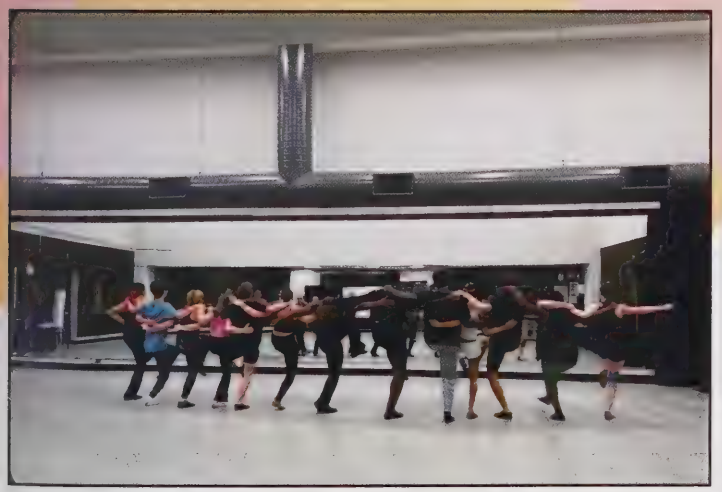
Drama

Eunoia takes a group photo after killing it at college auditions!

Caroline, Devan, Josh, Jahia, Tofarati, and Bri attending a performance together.

Our UNCSA HS Drama students have been working tirelessly throughout the year, from stilt-walking activities or reciting poetry to dance, singing, and acting classes. Ranked 3rd best drama school in the world, the UNCSA drama program prepares aspiring actors for auditions, higher-level programs, and professional careers in theatre. Here are some pictures of the 2025 HS Drama class, known by their ensemble name Eunoia!

Some of the drama class outside enjoying their first snow at UNCSA!



Drama students practicing their high kicks. They are stepping up the drama one kick at a time!

Eunoia smiles big for a picture together after giving an excellent poetry performance in the fall semester!

"Hop on Pop!"

Freshman Highlights

Last class with a teacher we adore! Baby mice aren't as little anymore!

Oh what a year, what a year that has passed
Always so busy, always so fast.
No matter how tiny, mezzo, or great
Everyone here is here to create.

All of us here, in the ninth grade
Together we have found our own way.
All of us here, each other we aid
Always working to spin, jump, or play.

I'm oh so glad that we all can see
The effort that is required to be.
An artist, a lone fish in the sea
Willing to relevé, to reach that high B.

Lucius getting carried,
Wyatt very harried!

Halloween our favorite holiday,
Zach and Olivia came to slay!!

I'm glad we've all made it, at least to this far
Cause this year has been great, whoever you are
No matter how tiny, mezzo, or great
Everyone here is here to create.

Everyones Loco for Hoco!!!
ft. Alexis, Molly, Cora, Leah, Scarlett

"Pink goes good with Green!"
Love the backstage energy!
ft. Molly and Alexis

Getting through the performance with upside-down frowns!! ft. Alexis and Lucius

Mr. Smith always making class a blast!!

Even though they were all so ired, they did what was required to make it through the Nutcracker season!!

Vroom vroom, look at Silas zoom!

Cheers! To the three musketeers! ft Silas, Lucius, and Alexis

Breaks are the best! Maddie doing homework and getting some rest!

Kiss, Mary, Kill for Halloween!! ft Maili, Cora, and Maddie

There s.a.m. goes, always striking a pose!

Molly Anderson
Alexis Bittner
Aliya Bousmaha

Scarlett Brock
Zach Davis
Wyatt Dowse

Lucius Hamblen
Johanna Hawks
Zoya Holmes

Maddie Jenkins
s.a.m Means
Olivia Merrills

Silas Moody-Laird
Audrey Proulx
Leah Ramsay

Teddy Tennant
Maili Trotter
Cora Vogler

Holding signs of peace after class was released!!

We love UNCSA and all but its most beautiful during fall! Ft. Zoya Holmes

Everyones in such a trance, from having so much fun at this dance!!

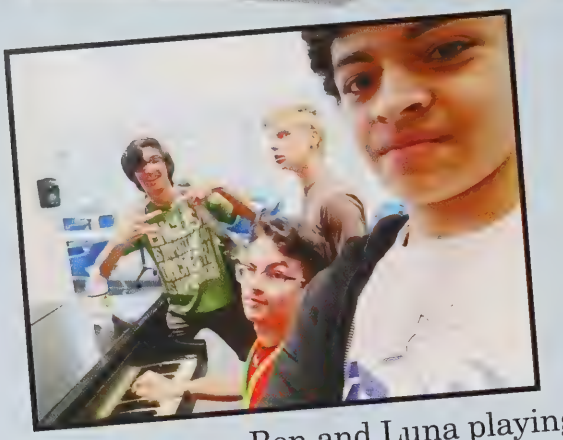
What in Tarnation? Molly and Olivia holding a carnation !

Oh the memories, the memories, how we wish we could freeze our memories!

Maddie and Cora sharing a heartfelt hug, that just makes you want to melt!!

The Cat in the Hat!

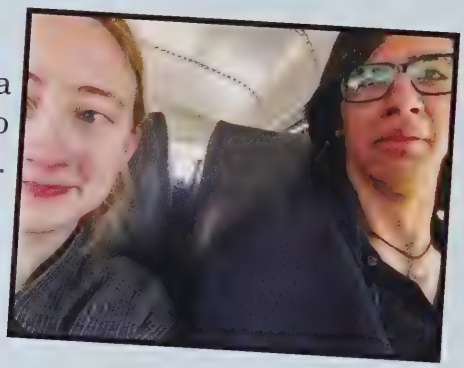
Sophomore Pickles



Eija, Sawyer, Ben and Luna playing around on a piano!

Serena and Lila at homecoming!

Caroline and Luna on their way to Jazz caroling.



Gretta and Brayden snapping a pic in the caf!

Sophomores at UNCSA, where dreams take flight,

'With teachers we love, we shine so bright.

The strings they hum, the dancers leap high,

We push every limit, we reach for the sky.

In the studios late, with passion we play,

Chasing our visions, come what may.

From barre to the stage, from notes to the mic,

We're shaping our craft, we're getting it right.

It's wild and it's free, with art at our core,

Sophomore year's magic—who could ask for more?

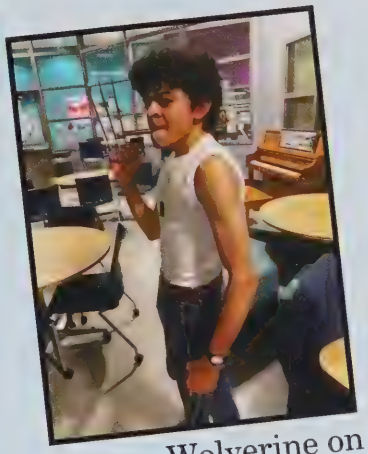
Lila and Erica on a trip to the zoo!

Silas enjoying a yummy slice of pizza!

Juliette and Brayden before English class with Dr. Haigh.

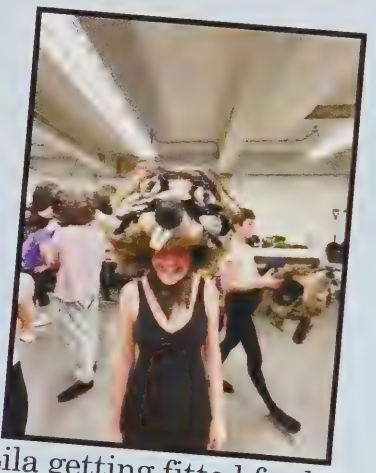
Erica and Serena serving face outside the fitness center!

Caroline with her curious move-in methods!



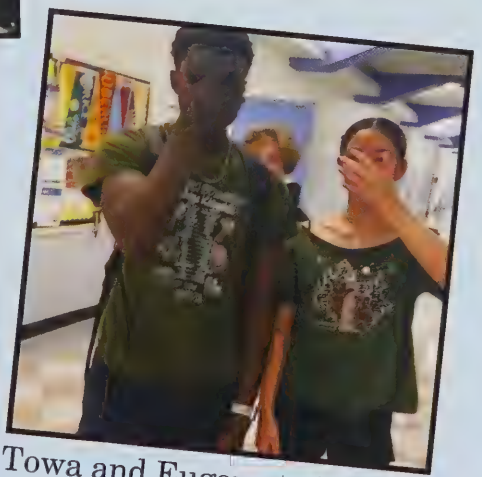
Eija as Wolverine on Halloween.

Eugene, Ainsley, Algra and Juliette in a tornado!



Lila getting fitted for her mouse costume in Nutcracker!

Owen and Kyler with the rest of their clarinet studio!



Towa and Eugene twinning!

Ainsley, Erica, Alegra and Silas with one of their favorite teachers: Mr. Stowe!

Ainsley, Landon and Alegra all dressed up for Nutcracker!

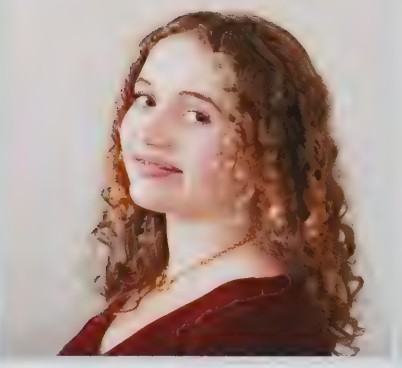
Alegra Aguilar Rodriguez
Kyler Brookman
Owen Burch

Matt Casas
Nolan Collins
Luna Crawford

Towa Hasegawa
Juliette Laxton
Eija Maldonado

Will McDowell
Cory Moody
Erica Murray

Serena Paladino
Brayden Pope
Landon Shields



Ainsley Vaughn
Gretta Wallin
Benjamin Ward

Lila Wells
Sawyer
Whitemiller

Lila and Landon ready to take ballet class in style!

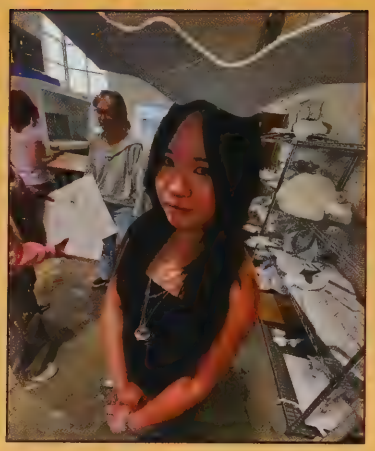
Long walks on campus are a great way to spend time with friends when the weather is nice.

Ainsley, Alegra, and Towa jump for joy in Film Village!

Towa and Landon pose after taking the stage in "Coppelia" in Winter Dance.

The Lorax!

Junior Pickles



Larissa posing with her artwork!

Fox and Allie get rea to take the stage fo War and Dawn in Coppelia.

Scout, Mika, Addison, Della, Skylar, Leah, and Lila ready for trick or treating this year!!

Trent, Leo, and Grey 's group yearbook picture.

These pianists, Enrique, Andrea, and Will, take a break from practicing to enjoy a nice hike!

Miles and Caroline soaking up the sun while having fun on the big hill.

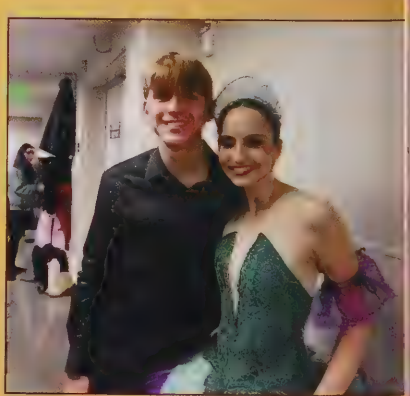
Wade and Erin mad sure they had the perfect Halloween costumes, Rapunze and Mother Gothel!

What makes a junior? What do they do?
Is it the rehearsals and classes they all sprint through?
Of VA's and musicians, dancers and all,
They hit the track running, since the start of the fall.

What makes a junior? Are they doing alright?
There's nary a day where they get sunlight.
And for all the stress from a full year of learning,
The fire in each one is still left burning.

What makes a junior? Nobody knows!
Three years of high school and they continue to grow.
We wish them the best, and we wipe off our tears,
Because we know that we'll see them again, come senior year.

David and Kathryn supporting one another this Nutcracker season from both onstage and in the pit.



Sarah and Abigail striking a pose at Fauxco!

Seanna and Della cooking for a HSU event!

Angello playing his trumpet for a concert this year!

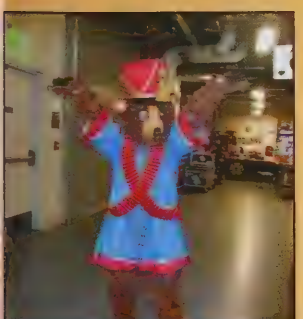
These VAs were ready for a nap after a long day of classes.

Double the Ella's, double the fun!

Leah, Mika, Della, and Scout posing before dancing their hearts out at hoco!

These musicians posed proudly after an amazing performance!

Mckenna and Anastasia were ready to hit the beach for this years Halloween Dance Off, Mckenna even won a costume award!



adie Evans made her Bear debut, perfectly launching the battle cannon every show!

Margot and Ruby enjoy the nice fall weather between classes.

Friend pics are always the best part of taking yearbook pictures, new friends and old friends coming together making new memories!

Hope Adams
Dakota Artimisi
Carlin Baer

Gus Baldyga
Cadance Barnes
Kate Baughman

Lila Bell
Della Benavides
Hadley Briggs

Austin Byrd
Allie Cataldi
Wade Collins

Kenzye Colonna
Angello
Cruz-Delgado
Sadie Evans

Margot Eyssen
Addison Farley
Erin Fay

Mckenna Finney
Emma Fox
Capper Gage

Thomas Garrett
Fox Hamblen
Mika Hannah

Alix Harris
Leo Henry
Ella Holcomb

Sarah Jafroodi
Luke Jones
Ella Ledford

Wenyi Li
Dariya Lukashuk
Kayla Marshall

Kaitlin Maschauer
Trent Masi
Skylar Mills

Ava Moore
Abril Morales
Seanna Osborne

Miles Parrott
Streeck
Janelle Petrone
Ivan Potts

Scout Rabideau
David Rankin
Caroline Roth

Abigail Schmuck
Ruby Seiler
Olivia Slen

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Megan Szkodzinski
Leah Thomas

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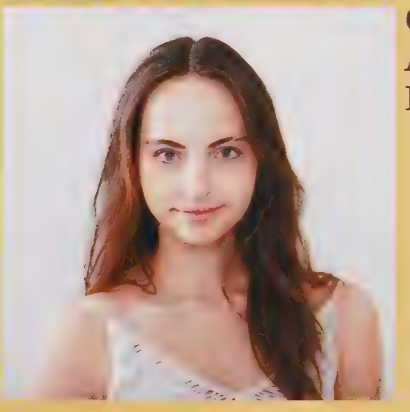
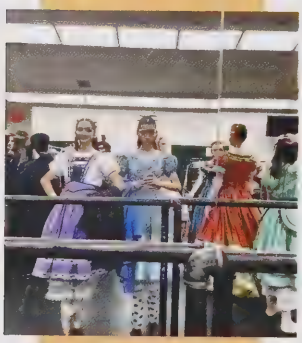
Annabelle Wang
Lydia Weesner

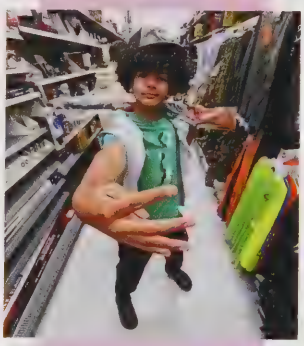


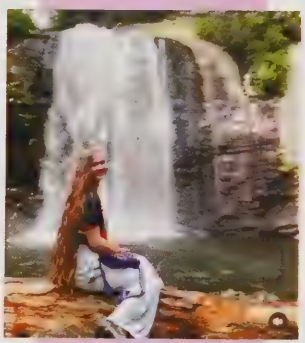
Gray Wilkins
Andrea Yun
Kathryn Zello

Four Year Club!

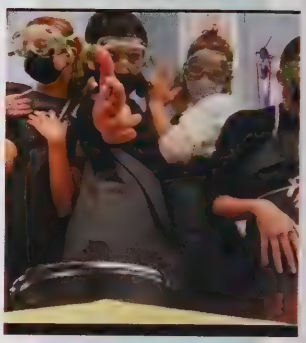


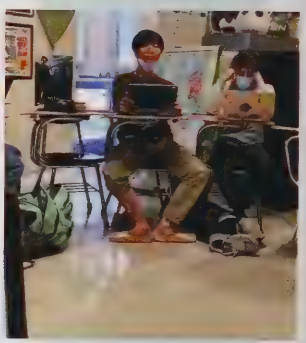
No one will forget the giggles that echoed in the studios!

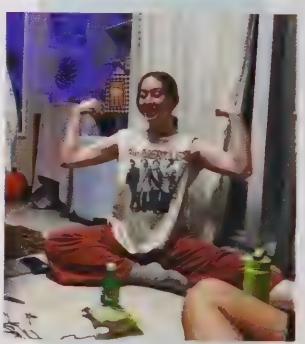




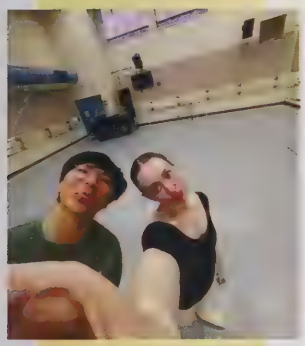
Our musician friends astound us every day with their musical knowledge!







Putting hours into your art is always more fun when you have a friend to lean on!

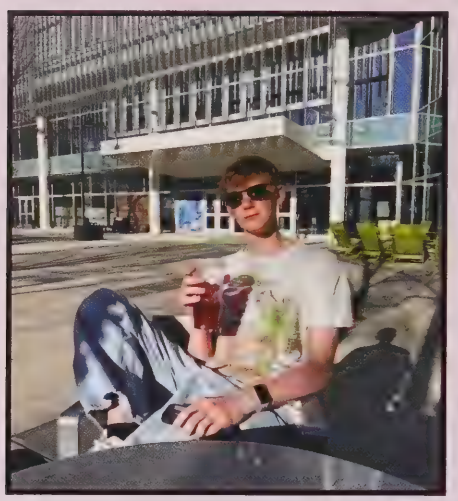


How times have changed! Look how these baby cucumbers have transformed into dill-ightful pickles!

"I'm glad we had times together just to laugh and sing a song, seems like we just got started, and then before you know it, the times we had together were gone."

Senior Superlatives!

"You'll be on your way up! You''ll be seeing great sights! You'll join the high fliers who soar to high heights!"

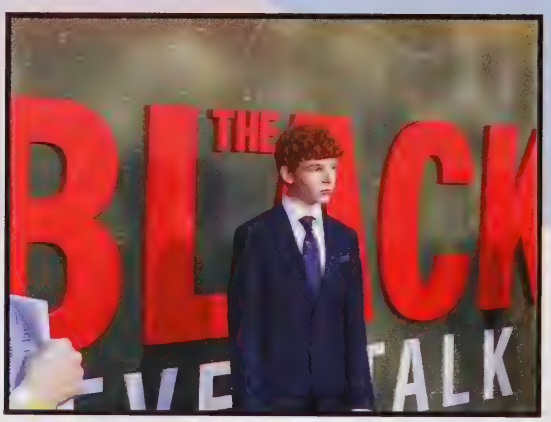


Most Likely to be Late to Graduation: Will

THIS is it for our seniors! The year is coming to a close, and so are their high school careers! Where will they go? What will they leave behind? Who will they become? We had all of our seniors vote on 12 senior superlatives, and these are the results! Congrats to all of the winners! You all have left your mark here at UNCSA, and we can't wait to see all that you accomplish in the future!

Class Clown: Sam

Best Dressed: Felicia



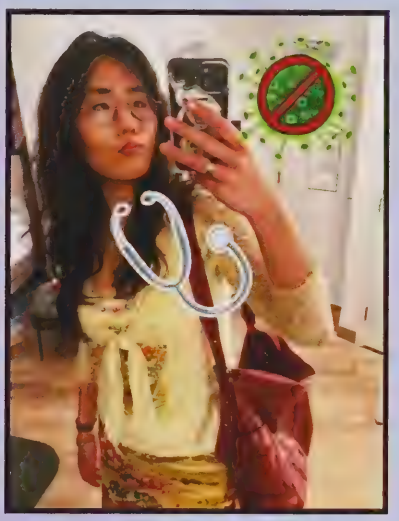
Most Likely to be Famous: Spencer

Best Roommate Duo (Sanford and Moore 3): Liv and Vivi

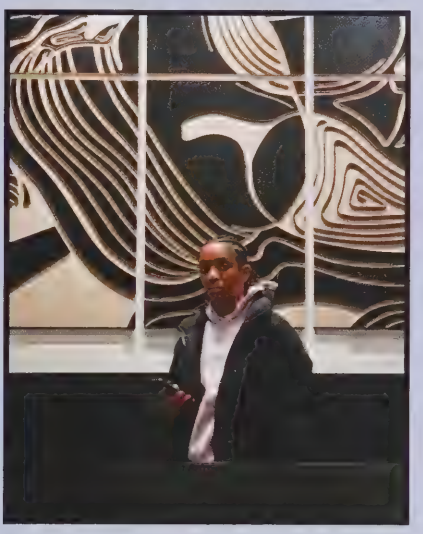
Life of the Party: Brynn

Most Likely to Travel the World: Scarlett

Best Roommate Duo (Moore 1 and 2): Spencer and Griffin



Most Likely to Cure a Disease: Chaeeun



Worst Case of Senioritis: Eden

Most Likely to Become President: Tofarati

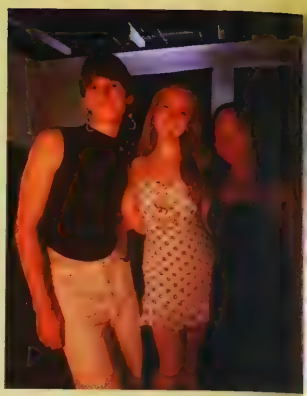
Most Likely to Host a Talk Show: Kelsey

Most Likely to be Asleep Before 8pm: Arlo

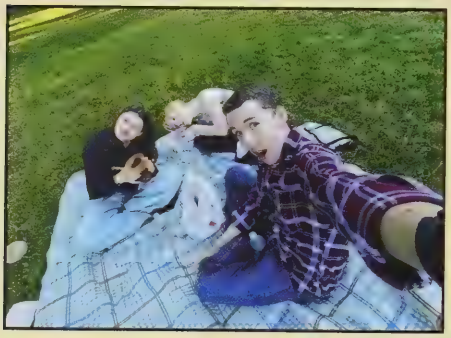
Oh the Places You'll Go Seniors

Backstage Fun! Vivi, Myla, and Margaux twirl around as they prepare to perform as Snowflakes!

Our seniors gathered at the beginning of the year for their senior sunrise - the start of many more memorable experiences!



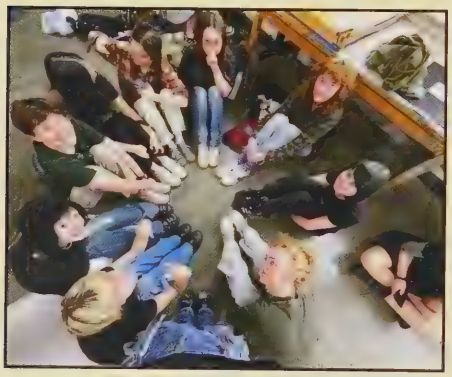
Andrew, Aubree, and Noelle having a blast at the Rock 'N Roll dance!



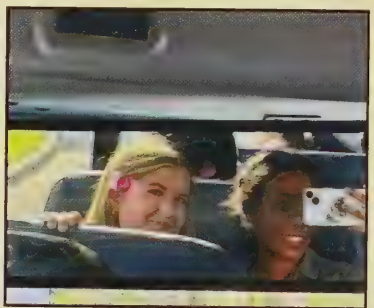
John, Kathryn, and Heather enjoying the beautiful weather!

Raelle, John, Tofarati, Heather, and Kathryn smiling for a pic at hoco!

Vivi, Liv, Kyla, and Xavier enjoying their AP Statistics class!



Ava, Lee, Arlo, Michelle, Loie, Eliza, Iris, Mila, and Charlotte circle up in the art studio!



Lucy and Felicia dazzle in a bus mirror selfie.

Lucy and Matisse pose for a selfie with their friend in fun makeup.

Some seniors smile for a selfie while sitting on the side of the road.

After a long day, Noelle is too exhausted to stand up in the Connector.

Madison Wesson relaxes on the new swing!

Zion and Lucy take a stroll on a sunny day.

Kathryne Kilby and Michael Stratford warming up with some hot chocolate.

Mya, Spencer, Mallory, and Joanna hug at senior sunrise.

Ava, Josh, and Dominick posing for a group pic after getting their senior portraits taken!

Some senior drama students smile big for a selfie together.

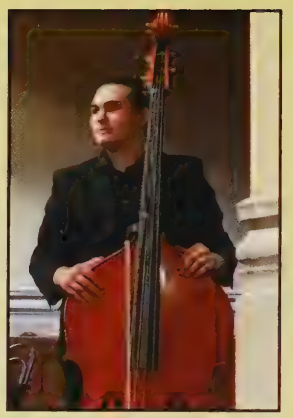
Between college applications, auditions, projects, or rehearsals and performances, our seniors have been through a lot this year. They met their challenges with strength and determination, and we're excited to see where life takes them. Enjoy a few highlights from their busy year!

Some dancing pickles enjoying pizza after an audition in Indiana!

A bunch of high school contemporary students gather together for a holiday celebration.

Some senior Drama pickles smile while eating a nice meal together.

Senior Highlights



Michael Stratford poses for a pic with his bass.

Alanna Bethea smiles big for a great pic!

Heather, John, and Kathryn take a fun selfie in Mr Bo's yearbook class.

Drama students Ava M. and Josh walking together on a Target shopping trip.

Where'd all the time go?
Our seniors might ask.
Have we loved all the moments
in rehearsals or class?

No, some may say,
but when it all fades away,
we'll long for the time
that's too quickly gone by.

We have cherished our neighbor,
no longer mere strangers.
We've changed and we've grown,
now our seeds must be sown.

So go, spread your wings,
the world is quite vast.
But keep close these Memories
that Forever shall last.

Congratulations class of 2025, we made it!!

The M2B contemporary class smiles for a pic together following their Halloween dance showcase.

Kelsey and Adalyn smiling for a cute homecoming picture!

Zion and Will B. looking quite cool outside the dance costume shop.

VA2 seniors enjoying a meal together at a restaurant.

Felicia and Griffin being iconic as always!

Mallory, Joanna, Scarlett, Tessa, and Mya take an aesthetic hoco pic at a local country club.

Griffin and Felicia having fun in the library cafe!

Kathryne Kilby poses for a picture with her clarinet.

Xavier, Liv, and Vivi take a fun pic during a beautiful sunset!

Xavier, Vivi, Liv, and Henry out on a side quest.

Tofarati, CCMT, and Kathryn posed up for a pic at homecoming!

Virginia Grace and John embracing their inner James Bond at hoco!

Lucy, Zion, Sabine, and Saybren at senior sunrise!

Mallory, Joanna, and Mya starting off senior year together at senior sunrise!

Griffin and Alyssa supporting each other backstage at Nutcracker.

John Madison smiles with fellow bandmates following a performance in a musical on campus.

Madison and Eden chilling in the Library Cafe.

Madison, Eden, and Felicia smiling big!

Felicia Adizue
Music

Time is limited, but the fruition of our actions are not.

Brooke Adkins
Dance

"Running water where are you running from? You always seem to be on the run! -Daniel Johnston

Tofarati Agbebi
Drama

"Me, I'm going down like one of those redwoods. I sure did live in this world." -Toni Morrison

Alondra Azcona
Drama

"Yo no soy de los que se quedan callados, siempre hablo lo que pienso." -Benito

Kaci Barber
Music

"May life lead me to someone as silly as you"

Margaux Beller
Dance

Yes, people actually call me that. No, I can't write it here.

Alanna Bethea
Drama

la pa ti ta - 800 cherries

Aubree Bishop
Dance

"People change and things go wrong, but just remember life goes on" -Mac Miller

Alyssa Bole
Dance

"I think you know when you find your people when you don't feel stupid." - Billie Eilish

Sonya Bondar
Dance

bon voyage

Brooklyn Brown
Visual Arts

From the hallways to the runway- always walking with purpose

Emerson Brown
Music

Que sera sera - Whatever will be, will be

Greyson Brown
Visual Arts

Will Bundon
Drama

What's meant to be will be - willy b ;)

Liv Cacanindin
Dance

You've probably seen me with that blonde girl. Always matching

Xavier Cacanindin
Dance

Believe it or not, I'm Liv's actual twin

Myla Calhoun
Dance

I've been here longer than Ilya.

Adalyn Cawthon
Dance

"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." - Winnie the Pooh

Dominick Charles
Drama

"This is just the beginning."

Yija Cheng
Music

Andrew Cho
Music

Music has the power to touch people's souls, to move them in ways words cannot.
-Jacqueline du

Mattias Christian
Visual Arts

"You know what that was? Simply lovely, mate!" -Max Verstappen

Sam Chubb
Dance

What would u do if when u ok so he said yes would go!

CJ Claggett
Music

Em Clark
Music

"There's an old saying in show business: The show must go wrong. Everything always goes wrong, and you just have to deal with it." -Andy Dwyer

Iris Clausen
Visual Arts

"All flowers in time bend towards the sun." - Jeff Buckley, Elizabeth Fraser

Brynn Copeland
Dance

You win some, you lose some

Nicoleta Cutitaru
Music

Did this last minute like all of my assignments

Afrah Daidzic
Music

Bach is an astronomer, discovering the most marvellous stars. Beethoven challenges the universe. I only try to express the soul and the heart of man. Frédéric Chopin

Sam Darnell
Music

Trust the process, enjoy the present, and embrace the future

Emerson Davis
Drama

It's truly a miracle I'm here right now

Leilani Diamond
Music

Have a smile that melts ice cream!

Adam Dickerson
Music

Ava Dillard
Music

"We're adults, when did that happen? And how do we make it stop?-Meredith Grey

Taylor Drazek
Music

I'd like to thank the academy and my vocal coach.

Harry Ferguson
Drama

"Time makes you bolder, even children get older, and I'm getting older too"

Eve Ferrie
Music

Willow Ferris
Dance

Nothing is never not a scam

Lisa Marie Fink
Dance

probably ur mom or something

Jenny Firschein
Dance

"Put some silly in the world, that ain't been there before" - Shel Silverstein

Spencer Fitzgerald
Dance

"Whatever comes our way, whatever battle we have raging inside us, we always have a choice." - Spider-Man

Preston Frez Bosagna
Music

"I do it for the girls and the gays, that's it" -Ayesha Erotica

Eden Furbert
Dance

"No one can tell you who you are. That's something you have to find out for yourself." - Huey Freeman

Arlo Garretson
Visual Arts

"Where I'm bound, I can't tell"- Bob Dylan

Kyla Guay
Dance

It'll turn out alright in the end, you'll see- Mrs.Potts, Beauty and the Beast

Eloise Guerguerian
Music

bro.

Lucy Hedblom
Music

"Even though some of you are pretty thin, I think that you all have fat hearts, and thats what matters." - Pitch perfect

Crayton Helms
Music

Please do not reply to all!

Hayley Herb
Visual Arts

I've learned that if you don't love yourself, you successfully have nothing.

Joanna Holden
Dance

"There may be people who have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you."
-Derek Jeter

Kara Holt
Visual Arts

"Anything can happen if you let it."- Mary Poppins

Griffin Honrado
Music

Invest in yourself

Heather Hopkins
Music

Psalm 98:4: "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise"

Josh Hughes
Drama

"'Do not allow people to dim your shine because they are blinded. Tell them to put on some sunglasses."
- Lady Gaga

Vivi Hughey
Dance

It's me, I'm the blonde girl.

Sidonia Irven-Moore
Music

William Jakult
Dance

Perpetually tired, late, and caffeinated

Andrew Johnson
Drama

Like any type of artist, you're told to stay grounded. You can either be nailed down or fly, your choice.

Loie Jones
Visual Arts

Viva! La Woman - Cibo Matto

Jahia Joof
Drama

Happiness is Resistance.

Emerson Jordan
Dance

1 Corinthians 16:14

Molly Jordan
Dance

"It's not about the money, it's about the cure." -Dr. House

Brenden Juengling
Dance

Nothing you can do about it. Relax, Enjoy the ride

Devan Kant
Drama

Noelle Kebebew
Dance

"and in this moment, I swear, we are infinite." - The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Nick Kelley
Drama

To be young, gifted, and black.

McKenna Kelly
Dance

It's beautiful that there is so many people on this planet, yet the universe aligned us to be here together <3

Gianna Kepner
Dance

"Whether or not you face the future, it happens"

Mya Kerestes
Dance

Born to be a voice student, forced to dance

Kathryn Kilby
Music

...Not my chair not my problem, that's what I say.

Avery Klanecky
Visual Arts

"Impressive" -The Chosen

Nova Kovalevsky
Dance

Sarah Ladner
Dance

"Thanks, Dad, for teaching me to laugh at myself and live in the moment. Life's better that way."

Sabine Langer
Drama

"Here's to the fools who dream." -La La Land

Tessa Ledbetter
Dance

"So if you don't know, don't give up 'Cause you never know what the new day might bring" - Lana Del Rey

Lee Ledford
Visual Arts

Senior? I hardly know her.

Ava Lindenmayer
Dance

"There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be…" - John Lennon

Eva Linder
Music

Saybren Long
Music

I saw a leprechaun when I was younger.

Majerle Loy
Dance

"Sometimes you have to pop out and show [people]" - Kendrick Lamar

Carley Mabe
Visual Arts

We're choosing the path Between the stars I'll leave my love Between the stars- David Bowie

Zion Mack
Dance

It matters not what you done, but what you do with what you've done for others. Thank you.

John Madison
Music

"To send light into the darkness of men's hearts--such is the duty of the artist." - Robert Schumann

Bri Mata
Drama

"Mom, Someday, I'm Going To The Moon."-Gru Despicable Me

Virginia Grace Mataya
Dance

Don't send the baby across the highway - Ms. Martin

Mila Mazur
Visual Arts

Look towards the future / And move straight ahead - Youth of Today

Freya McCormick
Visual Arts

"Do not wait for me this evening, for the night will be black and white."

Andrew McGee
Dance

Keiera McKinney
Dance

"You are the light. It's not on you, it's in you" - Tyler, The Creator

Michelle Mejia
Visual Arts

"Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there some day."
-Winnie the Pooh

Ava Milligan
Drama

You Are Exactly Where Life Wants You To Be :)

Hailey Minter
Music

"Mmmmm Chezzburger"
~ marrie101

Lydia Mollenkopf
Visual Arts

I paused Cookie Run to be here.

Nova Morgan
Music

Steve Alford taught me a lot while I was here, but my main takeaway is "don't noodle".

Stella Morris
Dance

Life is not a forty-yard dash, it's a marathon.

Lara Mrsnik Cemazar
Music

"It is through the act of creating that we are put back together. Your art is your lifeline." - Michael Dodds

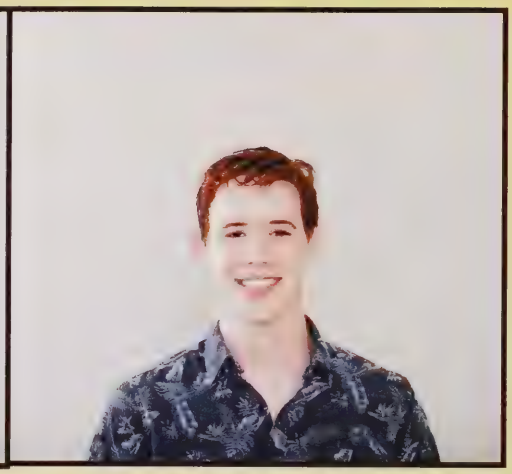
Saya Nolan
Dance

"I can't recall what life was like without ya. Now, it feels as though we've never been apart "

Hyleigh O'Neal
Dance

"Keep on going with your silly dream" - Laufey

Eva Okhotina
Music



Alex Palmer
Music

Radovan Pavisic de Pardo
Music

Music is the best medicine, y'know, besides actual medicine.

Italia Perez
Music

"Inspiration is a guest that does not willingly visit the lazy." -Tchaikovsky

Caroline Petronzio
Drama

Live a little, Love a lot
-Kenny Chesney

Carter Phillips
Drama

Try to see a sunrise at least once a day - Phil Dunphy

Sarah Pineros Ardila
Visual Arts

There is nothing more truly artistic than to love people :)
-Vincent Van Gogh

Molly Poland
Visual Arts

"guess i'll just stumble on home to my cats"
-taylor swift

Daria Prokhnitski
Dance

how is this happening!

Caleigh Proulx
Dance

"No one can ever say my name right."

Phoebe Pylant
Music

"Fear is the mind killer..."
-Frank Herbert, Dune

Charlotte Pyle
Visual Arts

Saw it written and I saw it say, Pink moon is on its way
- Nick Drake

Ava Ramsberger
Drama

"Where the sidewalk ends, there's a whole new world to explore." -Shel Silverstein

Knox Rapp
Drama

If I walk in a phone booth and Superman flies out, don't read into it.

Pierson Rickard
Music

Perseverance is the secret to success. Never give up, even when things get difficult.

Cameron Riley
Music

Every funny quote I wanted to use had profanity

Maddy Rodziewicz
Dance

Some things have to end for better things to begin, trust your gut.

Allie Roos
Dance

Play the cards you're dealt, but it's okay to punch the dealer

Jenna Salerno
Music

"We each need to find our own inspiration. Sometimes it's not easy."
–Kiki's Delivery Service

Paige Sanders
Dance

Ava Scott-Ashley
Visual Arts

Henry Schultz
Dance

Madeleine Smith
Dance

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter. — E.E. Cummings

Pfifer Spruill
Dance

"You control your destiny, you don't need magic to do it." -Merida, Brave

Raelle Stevens
Dance

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Eliza Storey
Visual Arts

Michael Stratford
Music

Who's chair is that...

Mallory Stratton
Dance

In your car, the radio up

Domenik Suchecki
Dance

"You know what's weird? Day by day, nothing seems to change, but pretty soon... everything's different." -Calvin & Hobbes

Kelsey Swire
Dance

"None but ourselves can free our minds" -Bob Marley

Scarlett Szewczyk
Dance

"Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great."

Evi Toper
Music

"Everything we do is music."
- John Cage (4'33")

Madison Wesson
Dance

"The truth will set you free, but first it'll piss you off"

Kathryn Whalen
Music

"The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return"-Moulin Rouge

Gabi Williams
Dance

"I love getting to leave campus whenever I want"

Chaeeun Yoo
Visual Arts

My uncle is Kim Jung Un.

Eden and Will smile for a picture while being super excited for the first snow of the year!

Eden, Mya, and Molly play cards and have fun and laugh during a winter rep rehearsal.

Mya, Spencer, Mallory, and Joanna getting creative together in a studio.

Madeline, Kyla, Sam, Will, Brynn, and Saya pose for a photo while being all dressed up for homecoming.

Adalyn and Brynn ready to hit the stage to perform Coppelia in Winter Dance.

The M2B high school contemporary class smiles big after completing their last jury!

Some seniors laugh together while hanging out at senior sunrise.

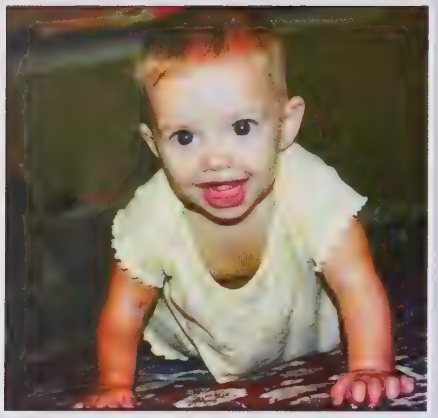
Mallory, Joanna, Tessa, and Mya attend the Crystal Ball in Winston Salem.

Saya, Brynn, Kyla, and Madeline pose for a photo while smiling with fun hats on.

Saya, Brynn, Kyla, and Madeline making memories at their group photoshoot!

Kelsey, Mya, and Adalyn hug at senior sunrise!

Margaux Beller



Congratulations to our beautiful and kind Margaux!!! We are so proud of you and how you live life to the fullest. Keep following your dreams.

Love Mom, Dad and Ava

Allie Roos

Congratulations, my beautiful daughter!

I am so incredibly proud of you for your beautiful performances over the years. Watching you pour your heart and soul into your passion has been such a joy, and it's amazing to see your hard work and dedication shine through. I have no doubt you will dazzle everyone with your talent and grace on stage. Keep shining and following your dreams - the world is yours!

In addition, you are the greatest daughter, sister and niece that anyone could ask for.

Madeleine Smith

"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."

E.E. Cummings

Madeleine, you continue to amaze and inspire us everyday! We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Congratulations! We love you so very much!

Mom, Dad & Carter

Caroline Petronzio

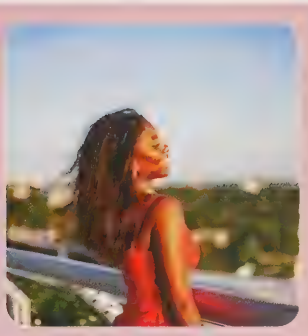
Caroline,
We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished at UNCSA! Keep working, keep dreaming, and keep showing us what you are made of! Always be brave. We love you and know you are destined for great things!
Love,
Mom & Dad, Gabby, Sophie and Lulu

2025

Kelsey Naomi Swire

Congratulations! we couldn't be prouder of everything you've achieved and the wonderful person you've become. Your hard work, kindness, and determination shine in everything you do, and it's no surprise you inspire everyone around you. You are the best!
Thank you for introducing us to the art of ballet—it has been such a joy to watch your passion and talent come to life.
As you step into this exciting new chapter, remember that the sky's the limit. Keep being your amazing self, chasing your dreams, and making the world brighter with your talent and beautiful heart. We will always be here cheering you on the loudest, every step of the way.

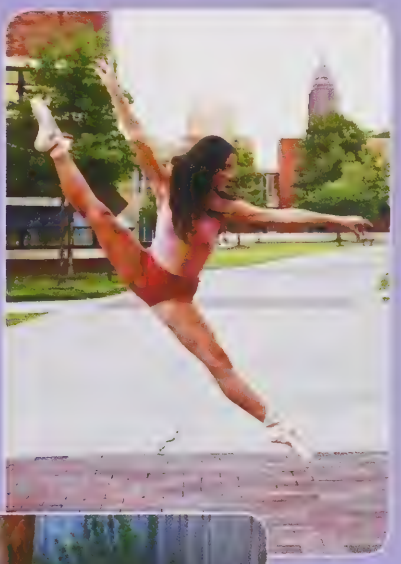
Love - Mommy, Aunty Di, Nana, Granny, Grandad, Uncle Junior, Uncle Aubrey.



Mya Kerestes

We are so pruod of you, Mya.We cannot wait to see what your future holds for you. You will do great things!
Love, The Fam

"What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" -Mary Oliver



William Jalkut

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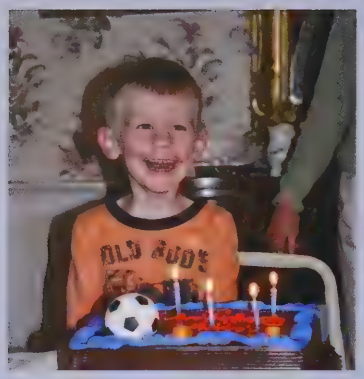
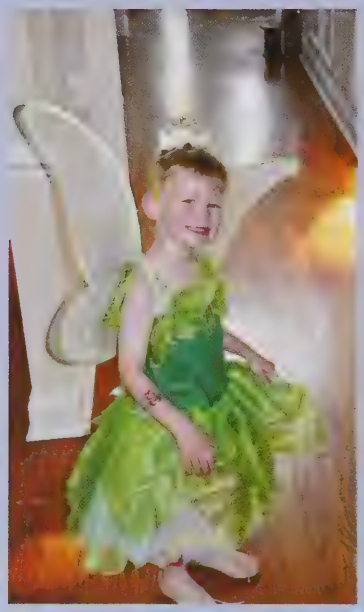
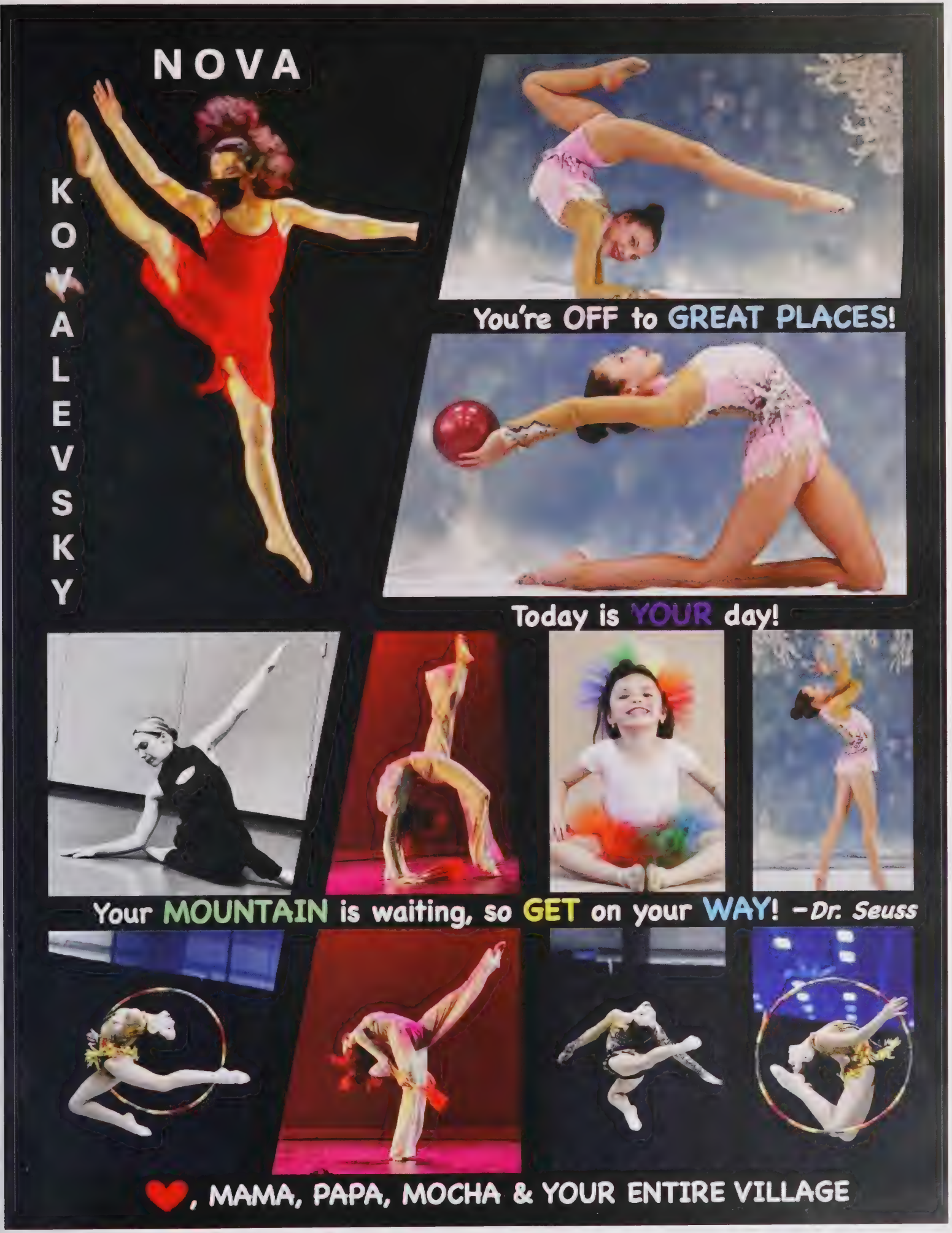




Congratulations Mr. Will, we are so proud of you!!! Excited to see where your next turn takes you- -Merde! We love you!!! -Madre, Padre, Chloe and Berkeley (THE FAM)


NOVA
KOVALEVSKY
You're OFF to GREAT PLACES!
Today is YOUR day!
Your MOUNTAIN is waiting, so GET on your WAY! -Dr. Seuss
, MAMA, PAPA, MOCHA & YOUR ENTIRE VILLAGE

Congratulations

Myla Jewel

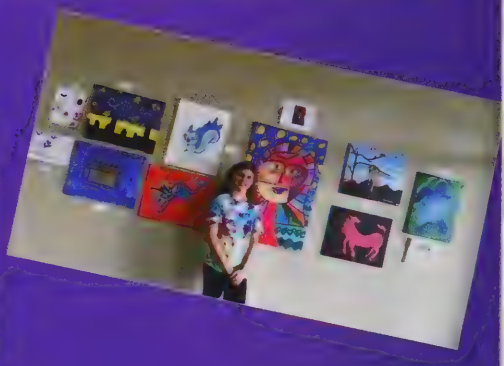
It has been the greatest gift watching you grow and become the beautiful person you are. We are so very proud of you and are excited for your bright future!

We love you!

Dad, Mom, Jackson & Eli

Emerson Brown

We are so proud to watch you grow into a fine young woman with all the accomplishments you have achieved.
Take pride in how far you have come. Have faith in how far you can go. Chose your path wisely and live your dreams.
You are so special to us and we love you very much. We wish you all the best in college, and success and happiness in life.
Congratulations! Love, Mom, Dad, Carson, & Buddy.



Em Clark

From astro-artist to actor, author to singer, and all the artistic paths along the way, I've loved watching your creativity blossom. You have such remarkable talent and I cannot wait to see where it leads you. Exciting things are in your future, never to be a bored princess again!

All my love,
Mom

We are all so very proud of you, Hayley, for the incredible things you've accomplished, and even more so of the amazing young woman you've become.

You will go as far in life as your dreams and heart can take you. We wish for you the best of everything in life, and as you follow those dreams wherever they may take you, most importantly, we want you to always be happy and to know how very much you are loved. You are such a wonderful daughter and the best sister ever!

Love always, Daddy, Mommy & Lauren

Hayley Allison Herb

Alanna Bethea

Dear Traci Alanna Bethea,
Congratulations on completing this season of life- HIGH SCHOOL at UNCSA!!! Your new season will start quickly at the college or university where Jesus wants you to be.
Remember these scripture verses as you move forward into all new seasons of your life.
Jeremiah 29:11
Isaiah 54:17
Romans 8:35-39
Keep Jesus first in all that you do.
Love Mom & Dad

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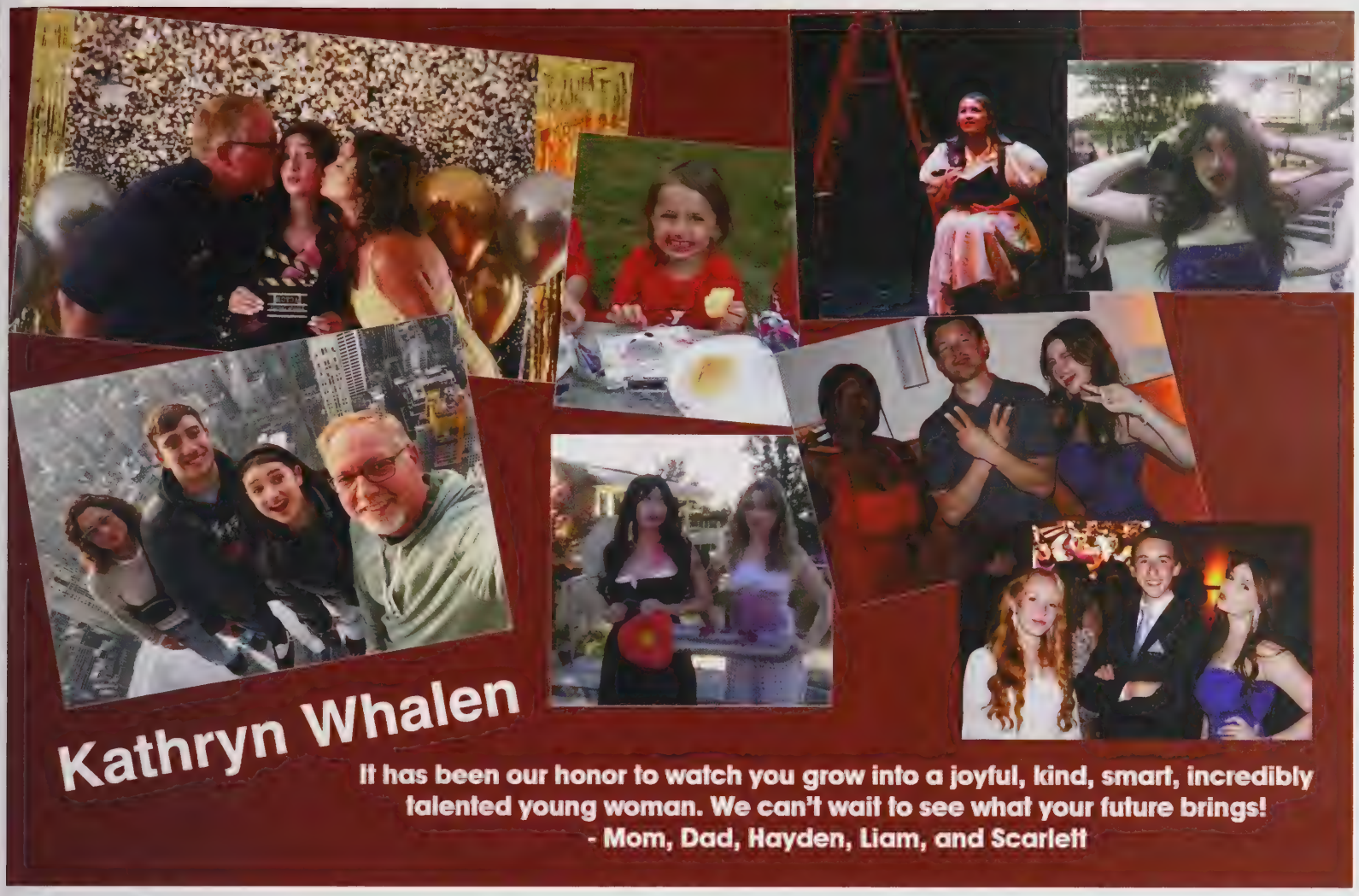

Kathryn Whalen

It has been our honor to watch you grow into a joyful, kind, smart, incredibly talented young woman. We can't wait to see what your future brings!
- Mom, Dad, Hayden, Liam, and Scarlett

Caleigh M. Proulx

COURAGE noun, courage, 'ko-rij
Synonyms of courage: mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand fear, or difficulty
Letting go of everything you knew in MN. Your school friends, your dance company since the age of 2 and life as you knew it. Not only takes courage but also confidence and commitment to your art. There aren't enough words to describe how proud we are of you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Caden & Audrey

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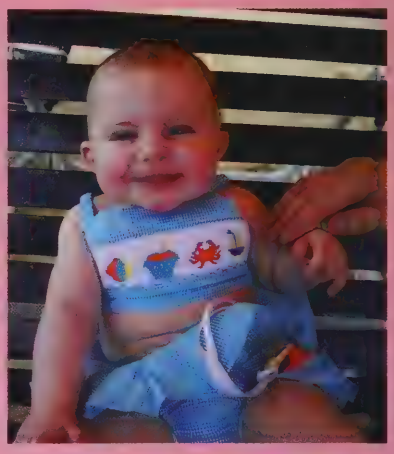
Joanna Caroline Holden

Congratulations!
We are so proud of you and your amazing accomplishments!
Love you so much,
Mom, Dad & Libby



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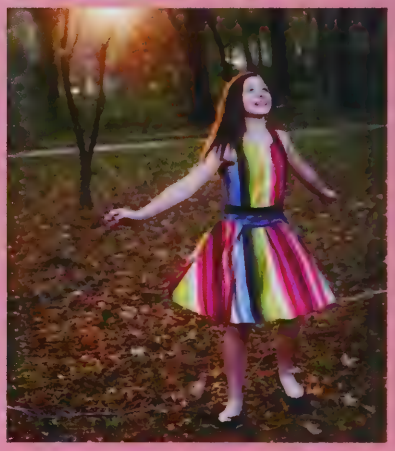
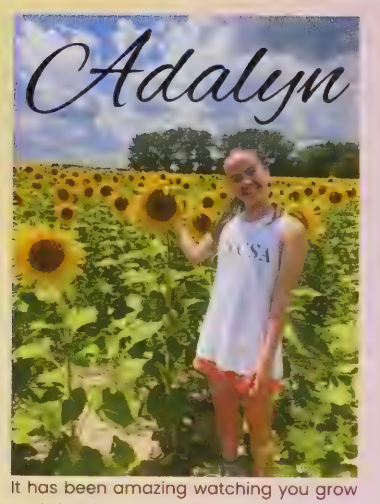
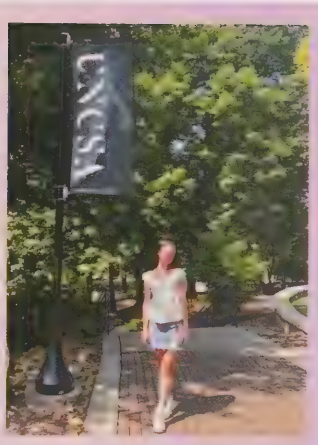


Kyla Li Guay

Believe in yourself, keep chasing your dreams, and never stop moving forward. Above all, know that our love for you is unwavering and we are always here to support you. YOU MAKE US PROUD!
With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Micah, Jonah, Lia, Charlotte, and Fern





It has been amazing watching you grow and develop you passion for dance. We are all incredibly proud of you.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Will, Anna, and Lauren

Molly Jordan

Molly, You are such a gift in so many ways. Your spirit, determination, beauty, kindness and love permeate everywhere you go. Whether at home, in school, on stage or with your friends, your smile and laughter are infectious. We know that God has such an amazing plan for your life. Stay true to yourself. Always remember that you are loved beyond measure. Congratulations!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Ayden, Charlie and Parks
Jeremiah 29:11 Romans 8:28

Alyssa Bole

The most determined young woman I know. You set your sights on something and take all the steps to achieve it. Since your first time in New York City as a little girl, you fell in love with the energy of the Big Apple. Who knew that just a few years later, as you began to learn ballet, you'd graduate from UNCSA one day as a ballerina and dance journalism major, looking to go to college in your favorite city, New York! From overcoming a scoliosis diagnosis, wearing a brace all day and night for years, to so many injuries, your passion and love for ballet are so beautiful, and we admire you so much for the beauty you bring to the stage, but also for becoming the incredible kind, impressive human you are! We cannot wait to send you out into the world of the arts, watch you shine, and continue to develop your passions while chasing your dreams! We are always one flight away, one text, one call forever by your side.

Love,

Mom and Dad

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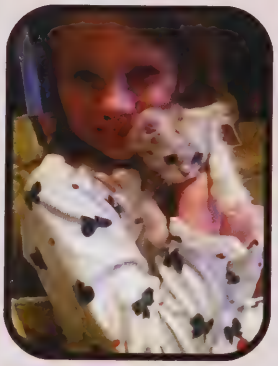
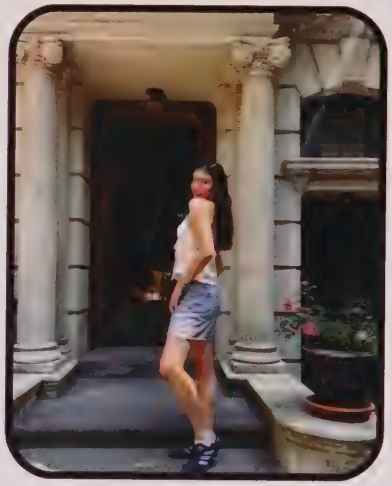
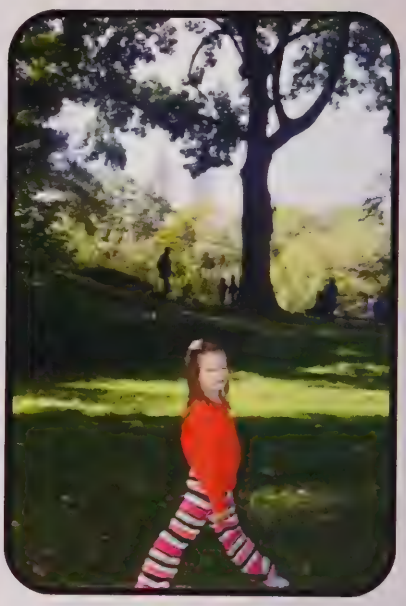




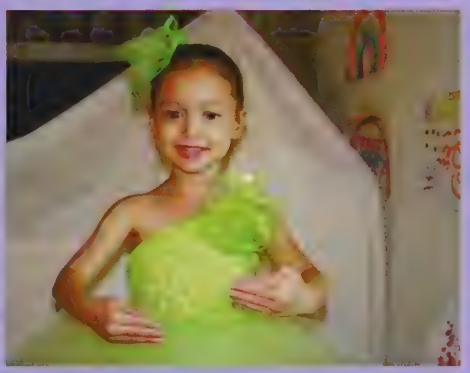


Yija,

We hope you are happy and healthy, and we wish you good luck in your future endeavors! We are all proud of you.

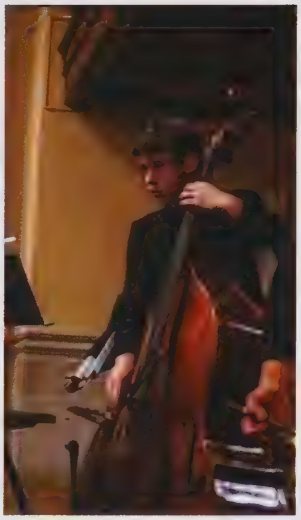
Love,
Mom, Dad, Ian, & Yuan

Madeleine, Kyla, Brynn, Saya



"Fate brought us together, In this special place. We've met each challenge united, with mostly love and grace. As we go our separate ways, we can always know. We'll always have our best friends, no matter where we go."

Alex Palmer



Congratulations, Alex! We are so proud of all you have accomplished in such a short amount of time. Remember to keep God close and He will guide your path. Ephesians 6:12

Love,
Dad & Mom (and crew!)

Majerle Loy

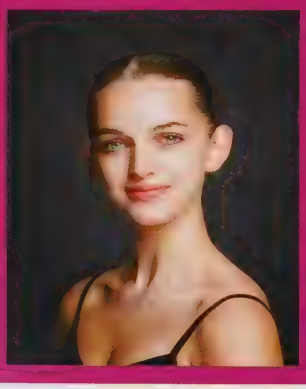
To be beautiful is to be hunted
I can't change the truth,
I can't get you used to this

We are beautiful
Stay so beautiful
That's so beautiful

Ava Jane Lindenmayer

We stand in awe of all that you are; beautiful, accomplished, determined, passionate, sweet, funny, and kind. Your story is unfolding and we can't wait to see where the next chapter takes you. Congratulations and Best Wishes for your future!
With love and support always, Mom, Dad, Owen, and Coco

"Dance is the only art of which we ourselves are the stuff of which it is made." - Ted Shawn
"Give a girl the right shoes, and she can conquer the world." - Marilyn Monroe



Majerle Loy

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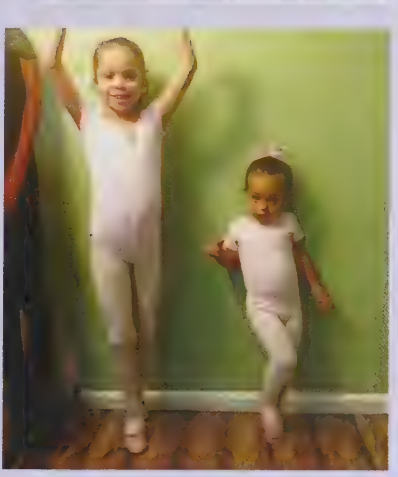
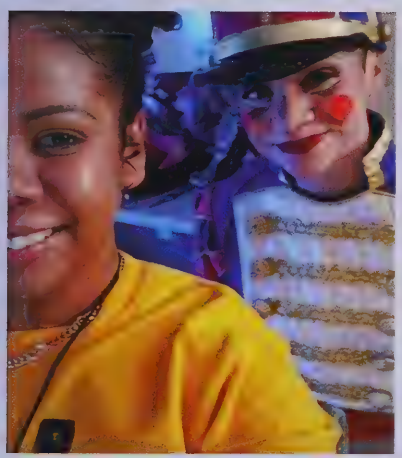
And I will lead you down that road if you lose your way,
Born to be your protector
Even though I know someday you're gonna shine on your own,
I will be your projector

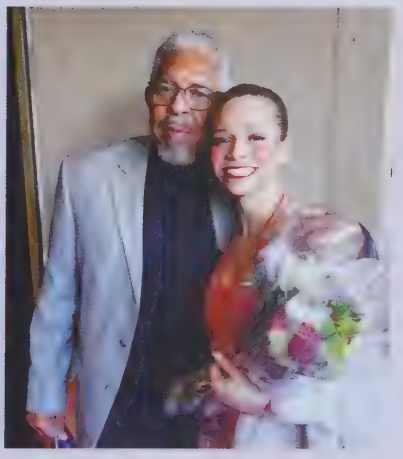
I first saw your face in your father's gaze
There's a long line of hands carrying your name,
Lifting you up so you will be raised

Even though I know one day you're gonna shine on your own,
I will be your projector

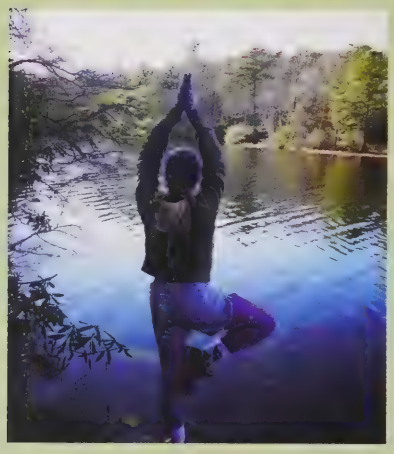
Love, Mom
(and Eliza, Grandad, and Granny)







Brooke Adkins



In a world that often calls for boldness and vision, you have stepped up as a true maker of change. Movement is your medicine, dance your expression, and creativity your voice, allowing you to navigate life with an unshakable purpose. Living fully in the moment, you dream of one day joining the ranks of the greats, giving a voice to those who feel voiceless, and leaving an indelible mark on the world.

Your love of dance and movement channels your high energy into meaningful outlets, reminding us all of the power of living authentically. Grounded yet soaring, you are a way-maker, an artist, and a leader who holds the courage to evoke change while embracing life. As you take the next steps in your journey, you carry with you a passion for progress and a heart full of determination to light up every path you walk.

Brynn Copeland

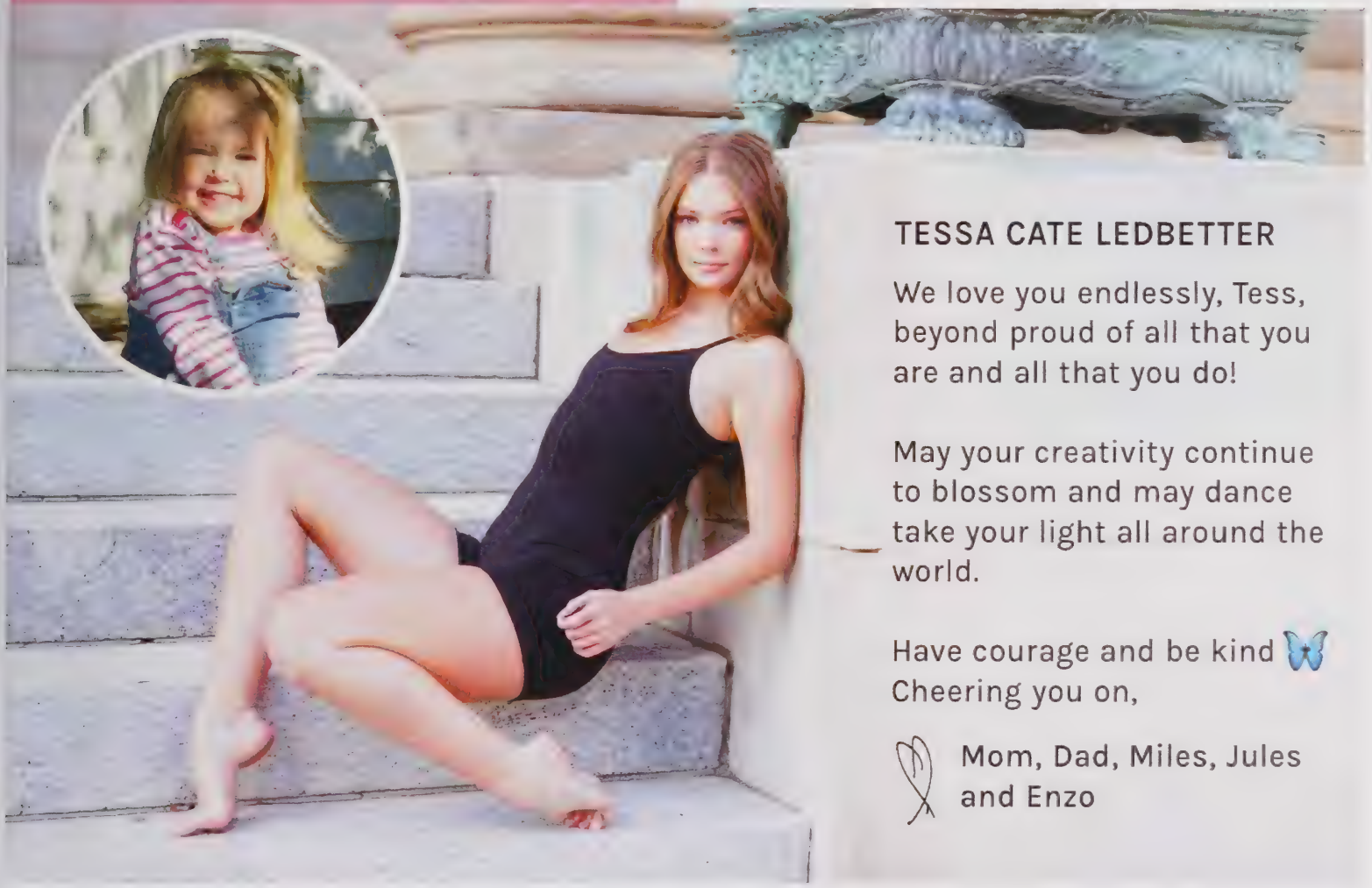
We are so proud of you for chasing your dreams and never giving up!

We have enjoyed every page of this chapter and can't wait to watch the next chapters unfold. We love you so much!
Mommy, Daddy, Jayda, and Clark

Way to go!

Jennifer Firschein

We are so proud of you and can't wait to see the next chapter!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Ava



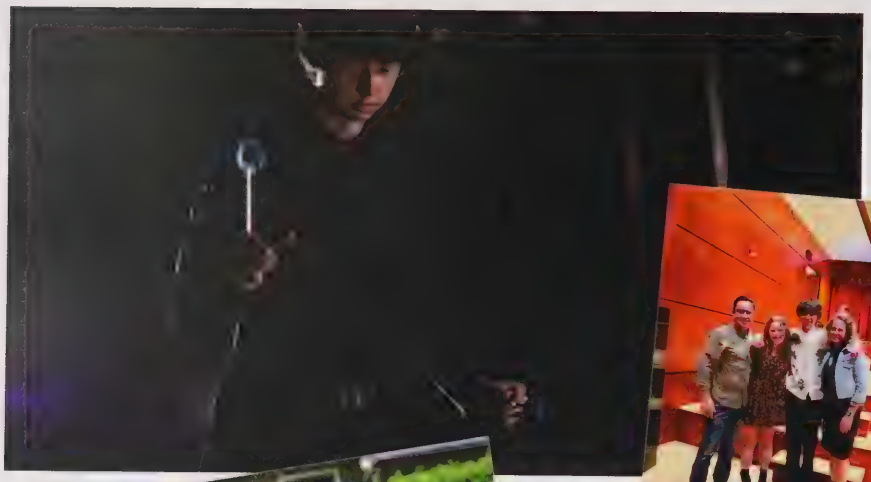
TESSA CATE LEDBETTER

We love you endlessly, Tess, beyond proud of all that you are and all that you do!

May your creativity continue to blossom and may dance take your light all around the world.

Have courage and be kind
Cheering you on,

Mom, Dad, Miles, Jules and Enzo



Griffin Honrado

Your talents and achievements are simply byproducts of the incredible human being that you are. We are so proud of you! And you are loved beyond words!

John Madison

It seems like just yesterday you got your first guitar! We blinked and now an amazing, kind, and talented man stands where the little boy once stood. We can't wait to see the next chapters in your life unfold. Dream big, stay faithful, and know that we are always here for you.

Love your biggest fans,
Dad and Mom♡

Madison Victoria Wesson

Daughter, I am beyond proud of you. Watching you grow and achieve so much over the past few years has been nothing short of amazing. From your very first day of school to this moment, I've seen you blossom into an incredible person and an extraordinary dancer. The way you've faced challenges with grace and courage, all while pursuing your dreams, has been a true inspiration. Your unique perspective and individuality shine so brightly, setting you apart from the crowd. Keep staying true to who you are, and never stop reaching for the stars. You're capable of anything!

Mom

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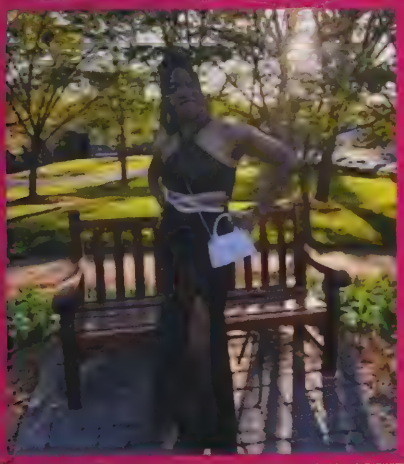
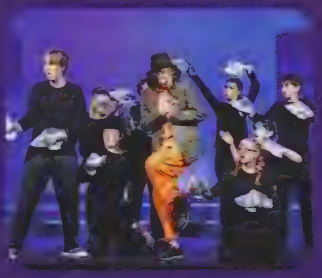




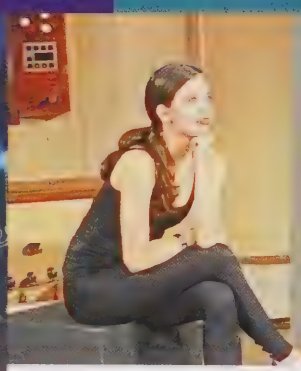
Knox Rapp

Congratulations to our sweet, caring and amazingly talented baby boy! From your first moment on stage, you were hooked and we weren't far behind. It was clear to us that you had found the perfect outlet to both embrace your quirky (and charming) personality and display the talents God so generously gave you. You have followed your passion, worked hard, challenged yourself and are now doing what you love. We cannot wait to see where this path will take you and all that you will accomplish - and feel blessed to have front row seats to watch your journey. We are immensely proud of you and love you to the moon and back!

The world is yours

Maddy Rodziewicz

You have our love and support as you continue to achieve your goals. Congrats Madeline! Love, Mom, Dad, Benjamin and Nana



Ava Milligan

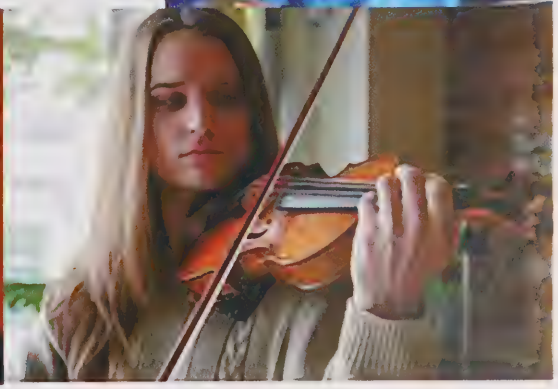
Dear Ava! You have been an absolute joy in our lives! We are so proud of your resilience, determination and how you are steadfastly pursuing your dreams!
But even more, we admire how much you care about people, your sense of humor and how your loving, expressive personality fills every room you enter!
No matter what direction your life takes we will always be there to love and support you ❤
And never forget you have glitter in your veins!

With so much love,
MOM, DAD, PAIGE & COLE

Oh the places you'll go!

We are beyond proud of you, Saybren! Your creativity, artistry, imagination, and many talents have fueled your incredible journey. We applaud your accomplishments and are excited to see your next adventures! March to you own drum, stay true to yourself, and follow your heart, always.

All our love and admiration! Dad, Mama, Finnian, and all the grandparents & family!



Congratulations!

We are so proud of you!
Mami, Daddy, and Ida

Liv & Xavier

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Eva Linder

We love you and are so proud of you!
Mom, Dad, Ian, Pascal, and Bunbun

Ava Marie Ramsberger

We are bursting with pride over you! Proud of the wonderful kind person that you are and of all that you've accomplished throughout your academic and theatrical career thus far. Your character, work ethic and determination will take you wherever you want to go in life. Enjoy this special time!

Con mucho amor, Mom, Dad & family

Evidah Skye Toper

Not an end, but the start of all things that are left to do...
-Hozier
Keep playing your heart out, baby girl. We are so proud of you!!
All our love - Mom, Dad, Larkin & Molly

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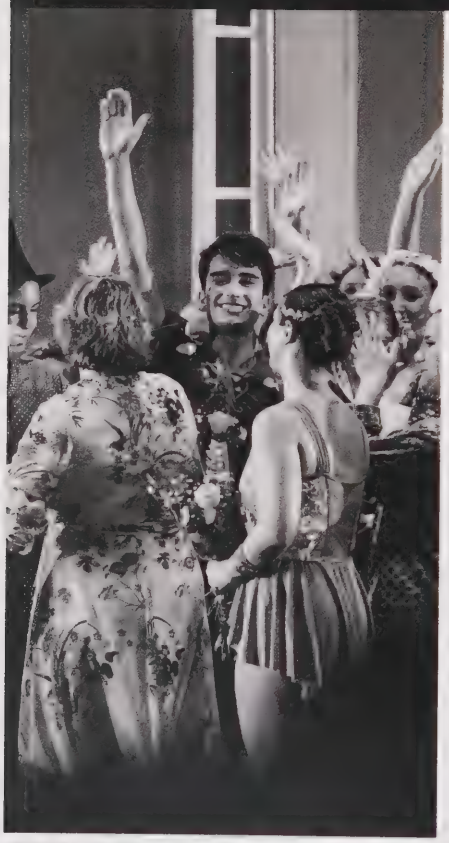
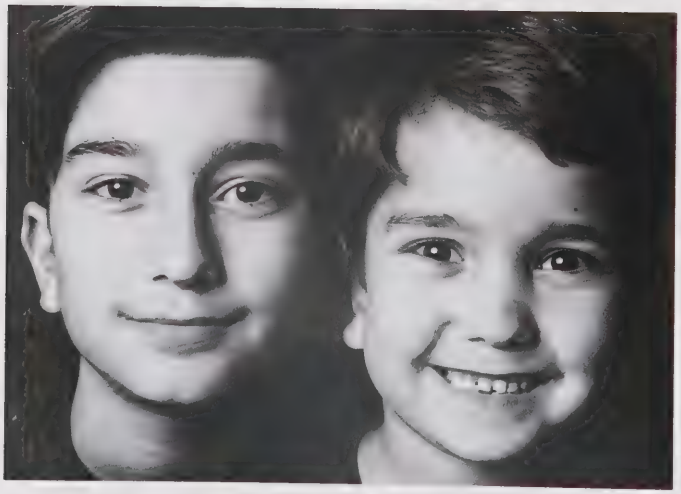


CONGRATULATIONS! You did it and we are so proud of you! Watching you pursue your senior year at UNCSA has been amazing. Your development as a dancer and your own personal growth is all that we could have hoped for and more. While dance and performance have been a large part of your life, looking through the pictures of our lives with you, family has always been at the core of our existence. We've told you countless times that nothing could make us stop loving you and we hope that is a truth from which you can build your foundation. No matter what your future holds, no matter what kind of stage, we will always love you even as we push you to realize your potential and pursue your dreams. Work hard, find joy, be kind, and keep honing that 'fit', Lala.

We love you.
Dad, Mom & Ever



Afrah Iman Daidzic

Dare to live your dream and avoid those who will tell you that you cannot.
We will support you. Always!
We love you,
Roberta, Nihad, Amar

Way to go!!!

Avery Taylor Klanecky
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From China to North Carolina, you have achieved many amazing things. We are so proud of you and the person you have become.

Josh Hughes

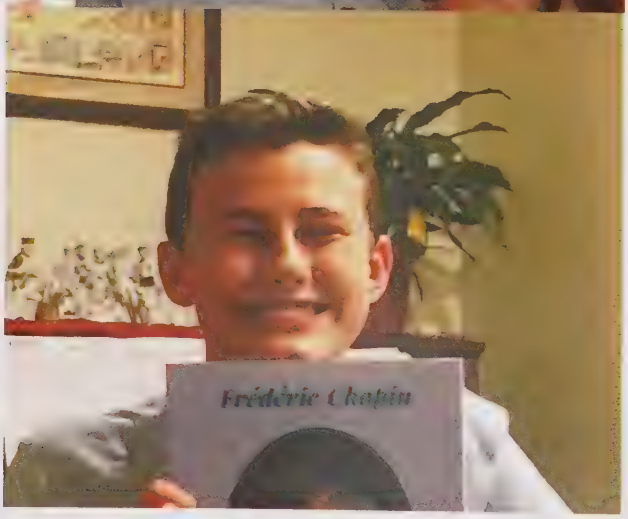
Congratulations Josh! We are very proud of you!

Looking forward to your future! Love ~
Mom, Dad, and Nathanael

Taylor Drazek

"You are here, at the start of a moment, on the edge of the world." Remember the wise words of Stephen Sondheim: "The only way to be happy is to be happy." Your passion is your greatest strength, and as you embrace every note and every dance, never forget the words of Chip Tolentino, "Life is pandemonium."

"If you know what you want, then you go and you find it and you get it." You have the talent to light up the stage, embrace every opportunity and let your voice shine. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see the magic you create! Love, Mom and Dad



Crayton Max Helms,
As you approach this milestone, we want you to know how incredibly proud we are of the young man you've become. Watching you grow not only as a pianist but also as a person has been one of our greatest joys.

Your unwavering dedication to your music, the way you listen to your heart, and your perseverance in striving to learn what you love inspire us every day! Your passion for the piano is evident in every note you play, and we admire the countless hours you've poured into perfecting your craft.

Remember, this journey you're on is as much about the love you put into the music as it is about the melodies you share with the world and God's people. We believe in you, and we know your passion will carry you to extraordinary places.

As you move forward, never forget how much we love you and support your dreams. Your music is a gift, and so are you! Love, Dad and Mom

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Kathryne Grace Kilby

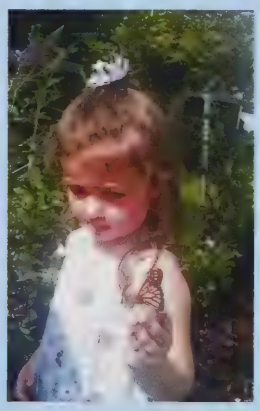
To my talented, intelligent, compassionate and determined daughter:

When you were only 1 year old, you talked in paragraphs and were passionate about your values. I remember you asking me for markers and posterboard so you could make signs for preschool to teach others that animals are not for hurting. Your love for animals only grew stronger, leading to 7 years of fundraising and donation of over $10,000 to the sea turtle hospital. You make this world a better place.

You are also an incredibly gifted and passionate musician. I remember being in awe when you brought home your first clarinet and immediately started playing it; and how we laughed when you tried to teach me to play the piano. I love seeing you perform and "get in the zone". Your music is captivating, and I will always be there cheering you on when you perform.

Your bright mind, warm heart and unwavering empathy shine through in everything you do. I am so proud of all that you have accomplished, and I am so excited to have a front row seat to watch as your future unfolds.

I loved you first, Love Mom



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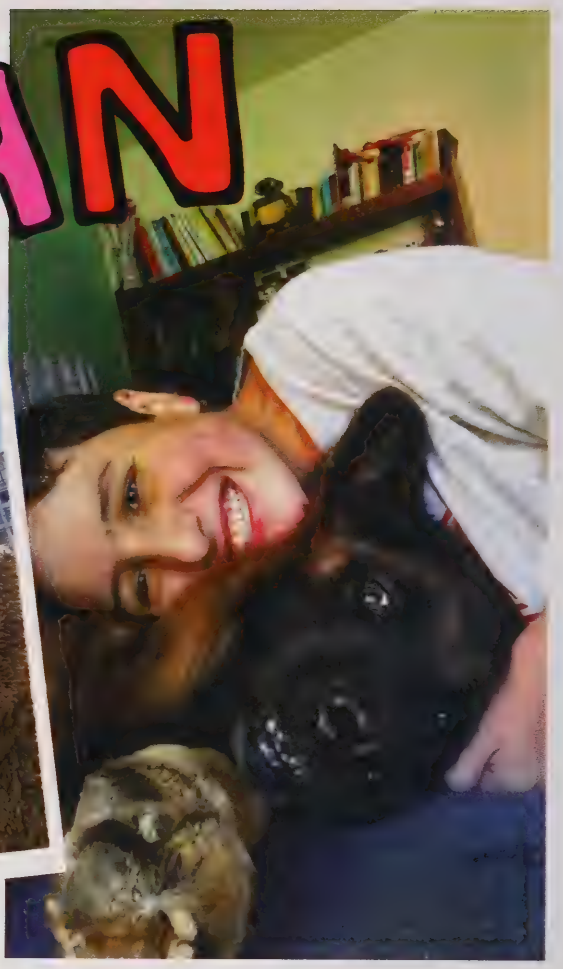


You're off to
great places.

Today is your day!

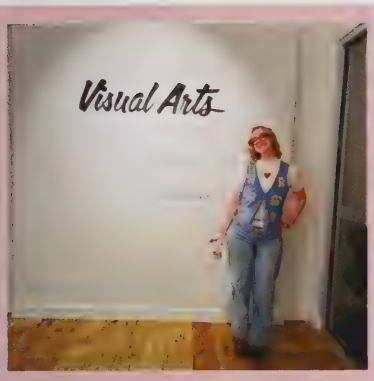
Your mountain
is waiting.

**So... get on
your way.**

Oh, the places you'll go...

Stella Morris

From your first living room performance to the studio stage, your passion for dance has always been evident. These past two years away from home have shown your resilience, grace, and determination, and we couldn't be prouder of the incredible young woman you've become.
As you take your final bow in high school and prepare for the next act, remember that your talent and heart will take you far. Keep dreaming, dancing, and knowing you are so deeply loved. Congratulations, Class of 2025!
With all our love, Mom, Dad, Matt, & Jack



~Molly Caroline Poland~

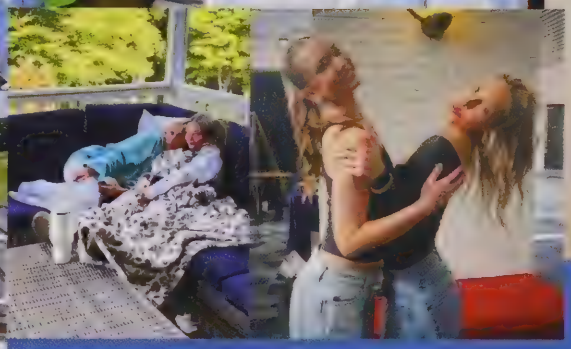
Watching you grow up has been some of the best times in our lives.
Praying for your future ceaselessly. Love Dad, Mom, and Bub

Lucy Evelyn Hedblom

We can't wait to see what comes next! We Love you Squirt! - M&D

"The Only Thing Better than Singing, is More Singing!" E.F.

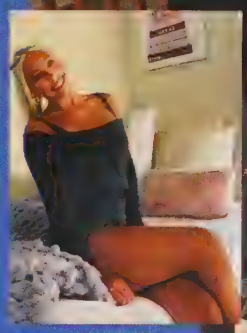
Emerson,
We've watched you grow from your first steps into a remarkable young women who fearlessly chases her dreams. As you step into this new chapter, remember that we will always be here, cheering you on and believing in you. Dream bug, shine bright, and know that our love will always be your guiding light.
With all our love,
Mom and Dad

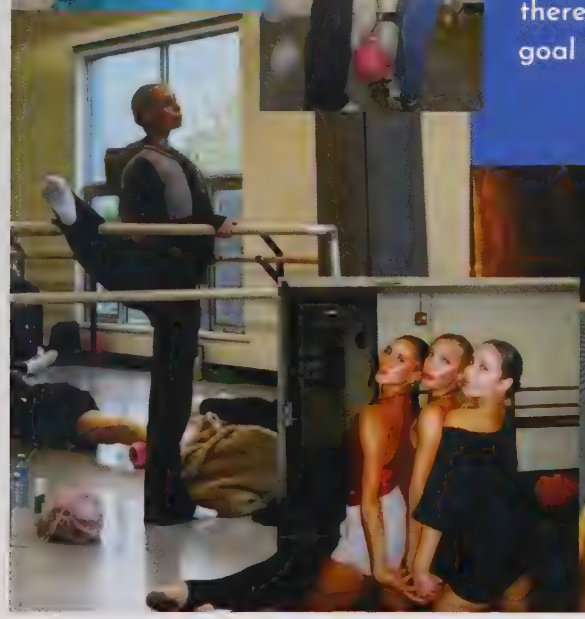


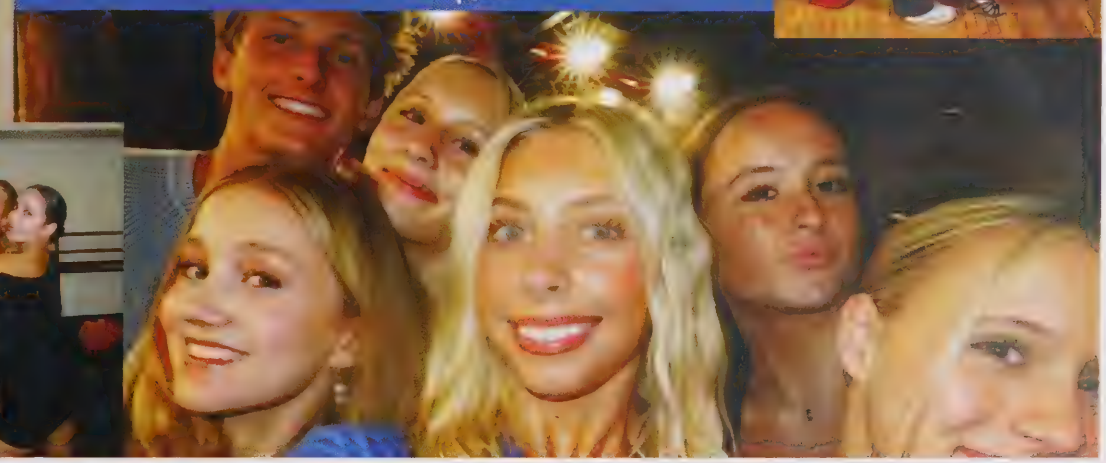
Congratulations Scarlett!

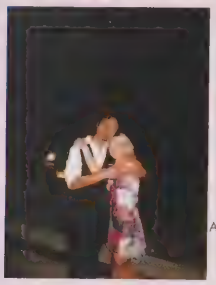
We are so proud of all you have achieved in high school and look forward to seeing what you do with your bright and limitless future! From Metra train rides in Chicago to CAA to coffee runs at UNCSA , the past 4 years have been filled with good friends, endless dance training and memories that will last a lifetime. Keep being your amazing, hard working and unapologetic self and there is no doubt you will crush every goal you set! Love you beyond words.

Mom, Dad,
Mason • Maklin









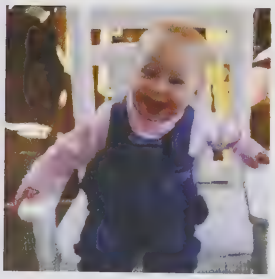
SAM, WE ALL LOVE YOU SO MUCH AND WE CANT WAIT TO SEE EVERYTHING YOU ACCOMPLISH IN YOUR FUTURE!
-LOVE MOM & DAD

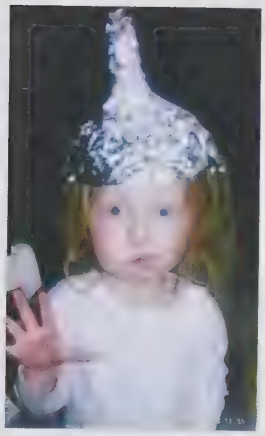
"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." - Helen Keller

Daria Prokhnitski

Dearest Daria, Always follow your heart & know you have our endless love & support. We are so very proud of you!
Love, Mama, Papa & "Your brother" Milo

Heather Hopkins





We are beyond proud of you, Heather! Your hard work, talent, passion, and dedication shine in everything you do. We can't wait to see you achieve your dreams!
We love you!
Mom& Dad

Saya Nolan

You are our pride and joy. Your kindness and strength inspires us every day. Keep being amazing!
Love, Mom and Dad

GRADUATING IS MORE THAN JUST A MILESTONE; IT'S A TESTAMENT TO YOUR HARD WORK, DEDICATION, AND THE ENDLESS POTENTIAL YOU HOLD. AS YOU MOVE FORWARD, REMEMBER TO EMBRACE EVERY OPPORTUNITY, LEARN FROM EVERY EXPERIENCE, AND CONTINUE TO PURSUE YOUR DREAMS WITH PASSION AND COURAGE.
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE,
MOM, DAD, AADYHA, KHARI & SABION
CARLOS CLAGGETT JR
"CJ"

To Seniors from the Editors

Congratulations are in order- yes I mean you!
Congrats on everything you've gotten through.
You were elegant, poised, and (mostly) with grace
So now end the year with a smile on your face-

-Or a frown, or a scowl, or no expression at all
It's certainly been a lot since the start of the fall.
Now I'm proud of your work, that much is true
But also to who you're becoming, so Congratulations
To You!!

Joanna Holden and Adalyn Cawthon,
your 2024-2025 yearbook editors!

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